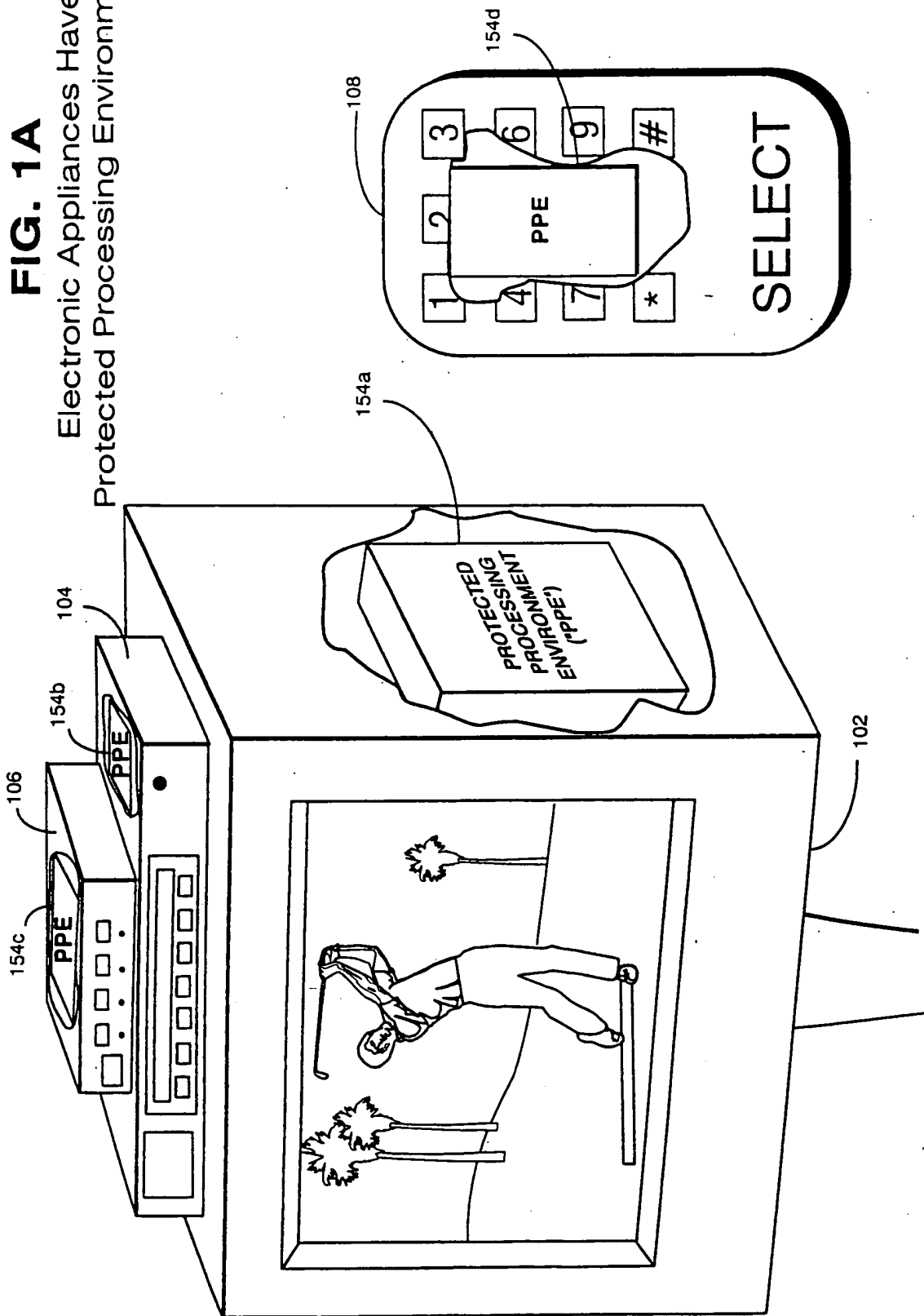
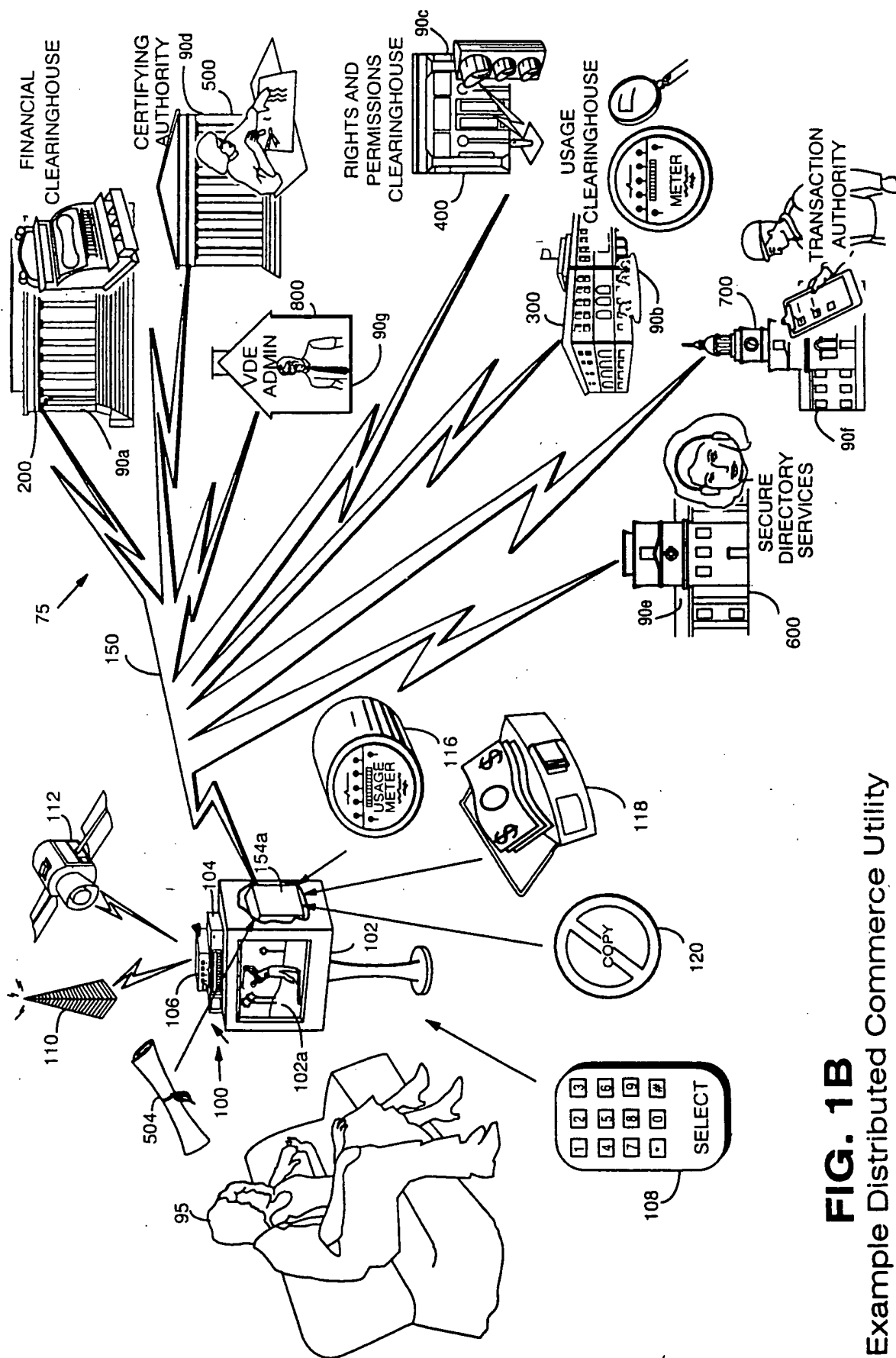


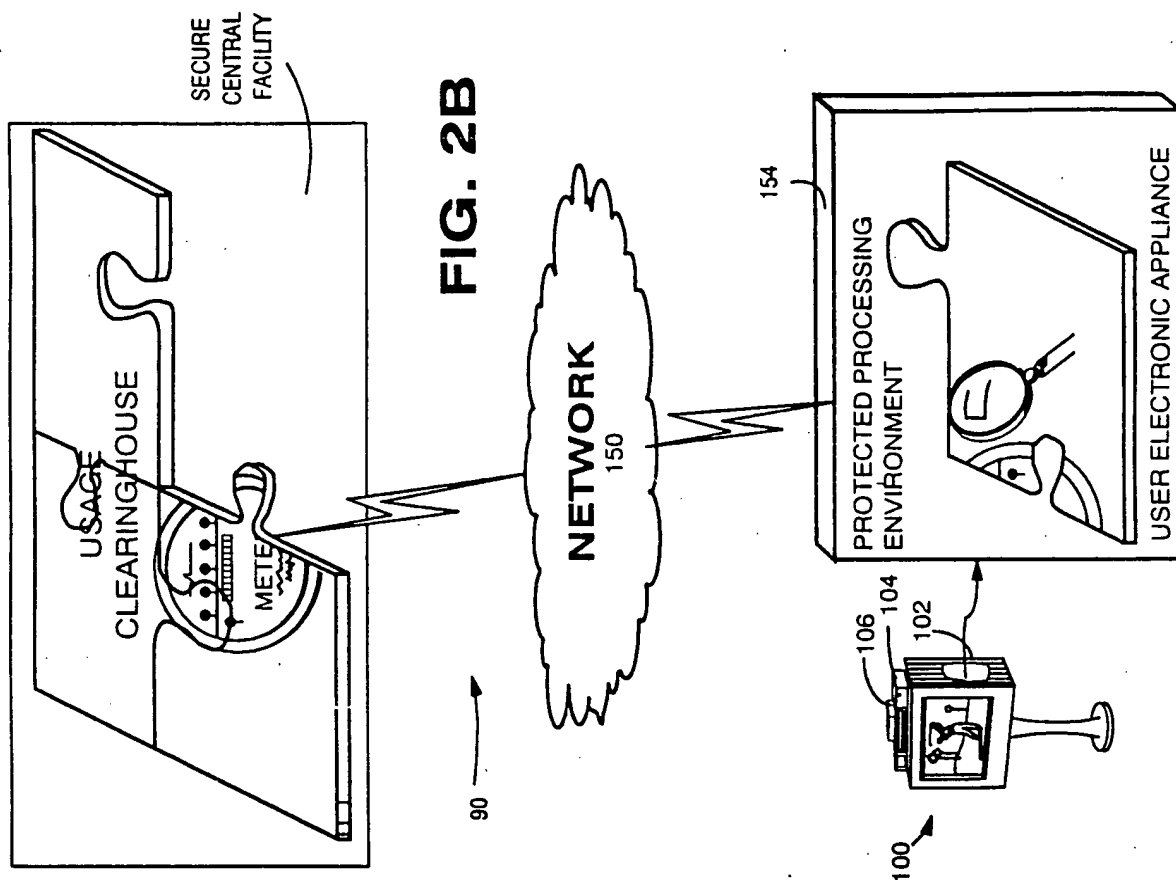
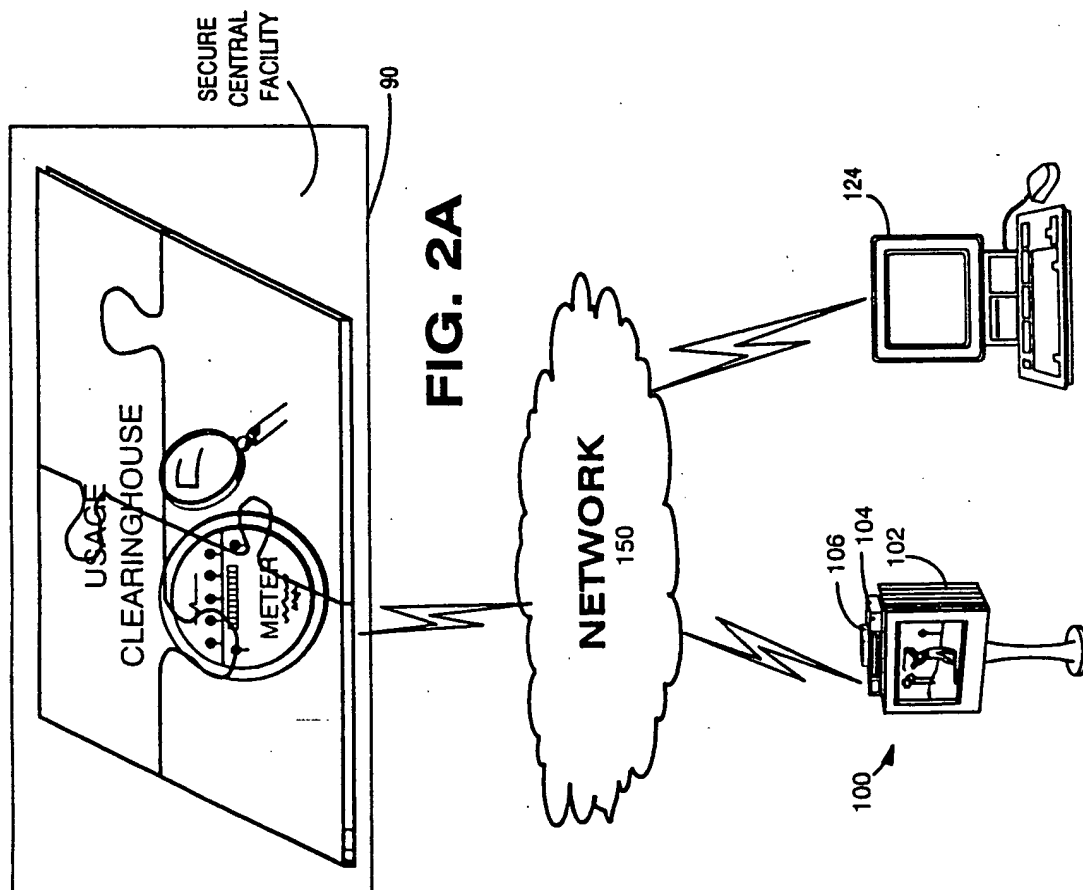
FIG. 1

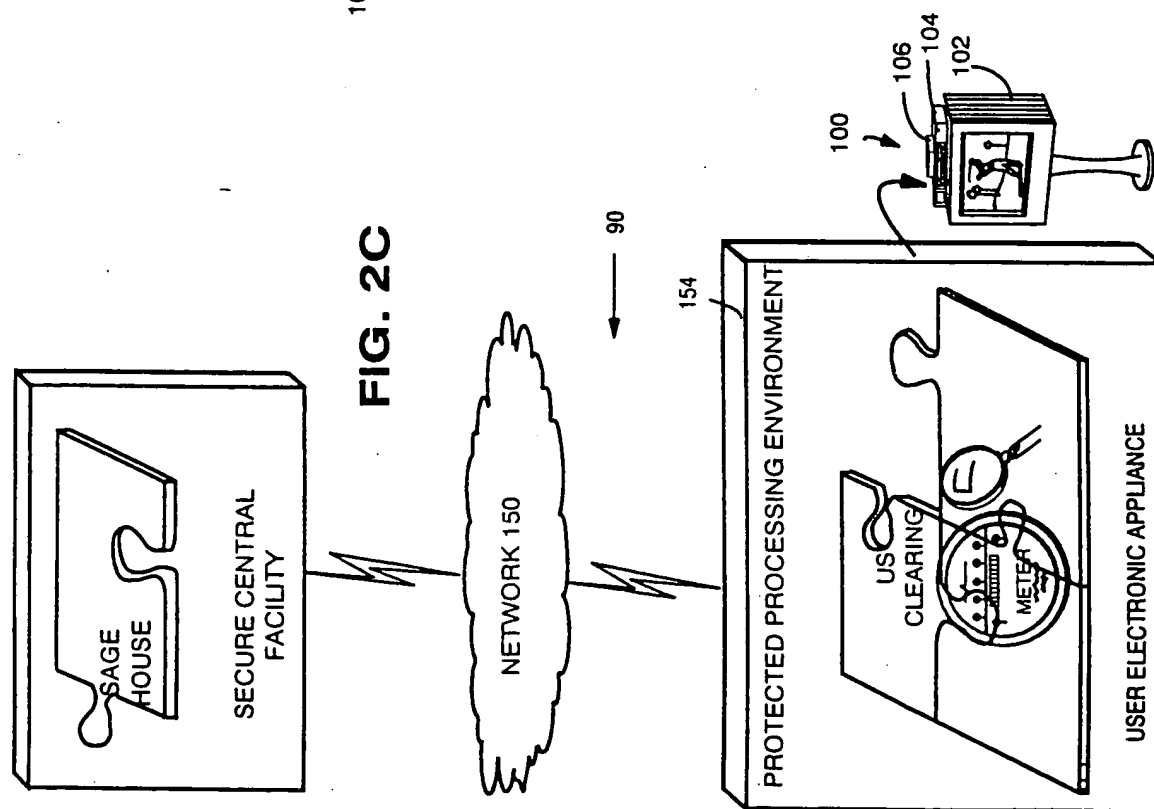
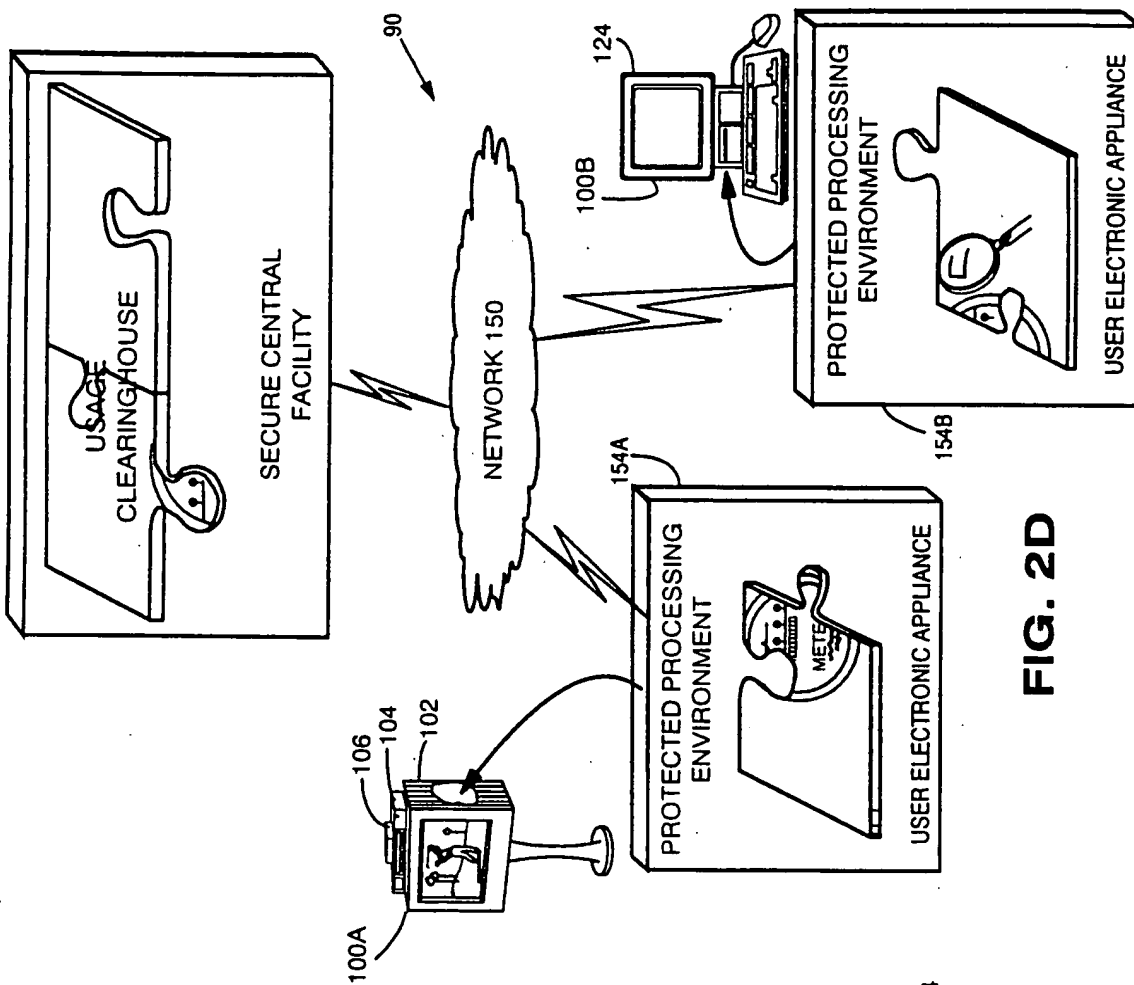
**FIG. 1A**  
Electronic Appliances Have  
Protected Processing Environments

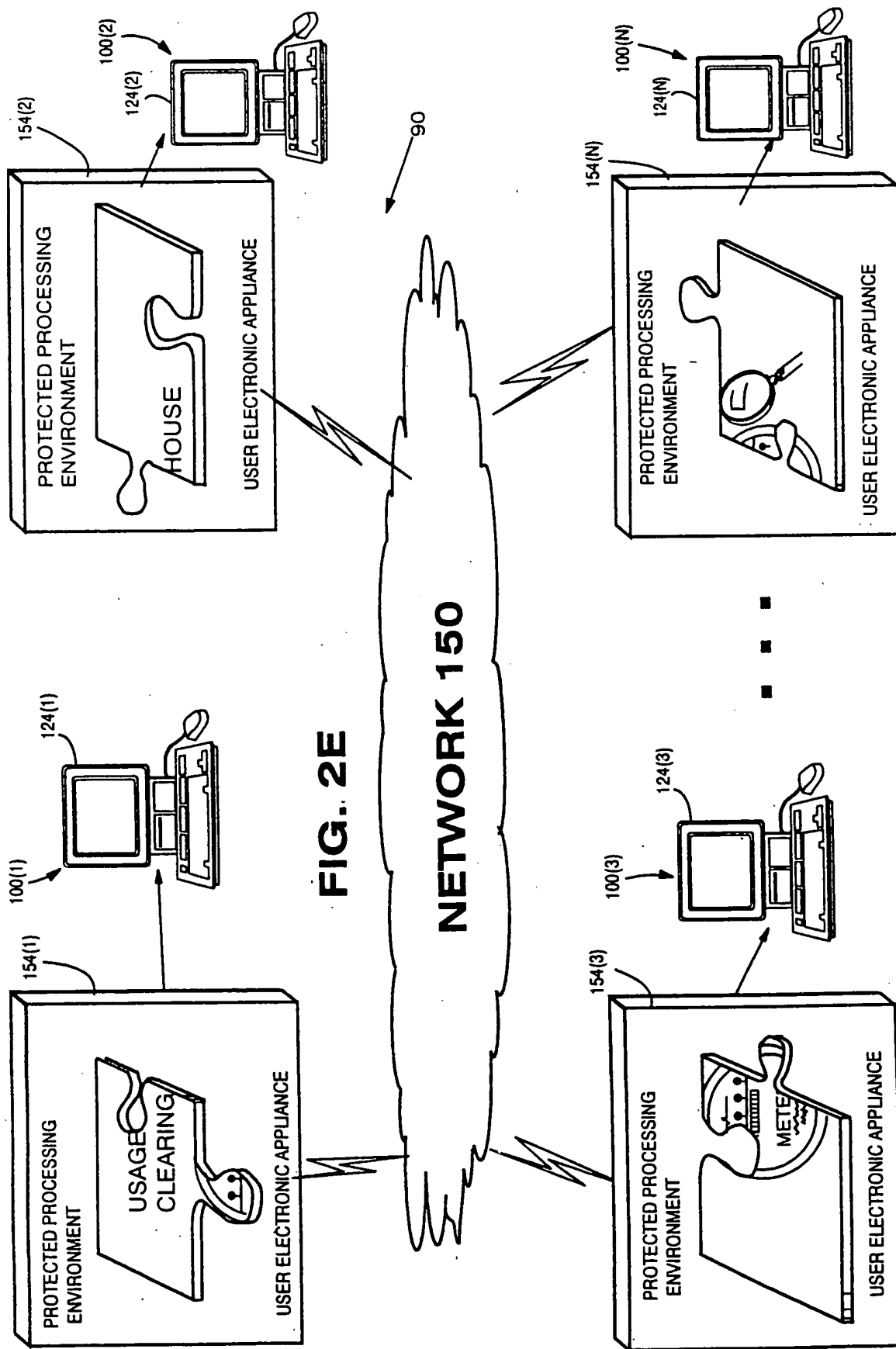




**FIG. 1B**  
Example Distributed Commerce Utility

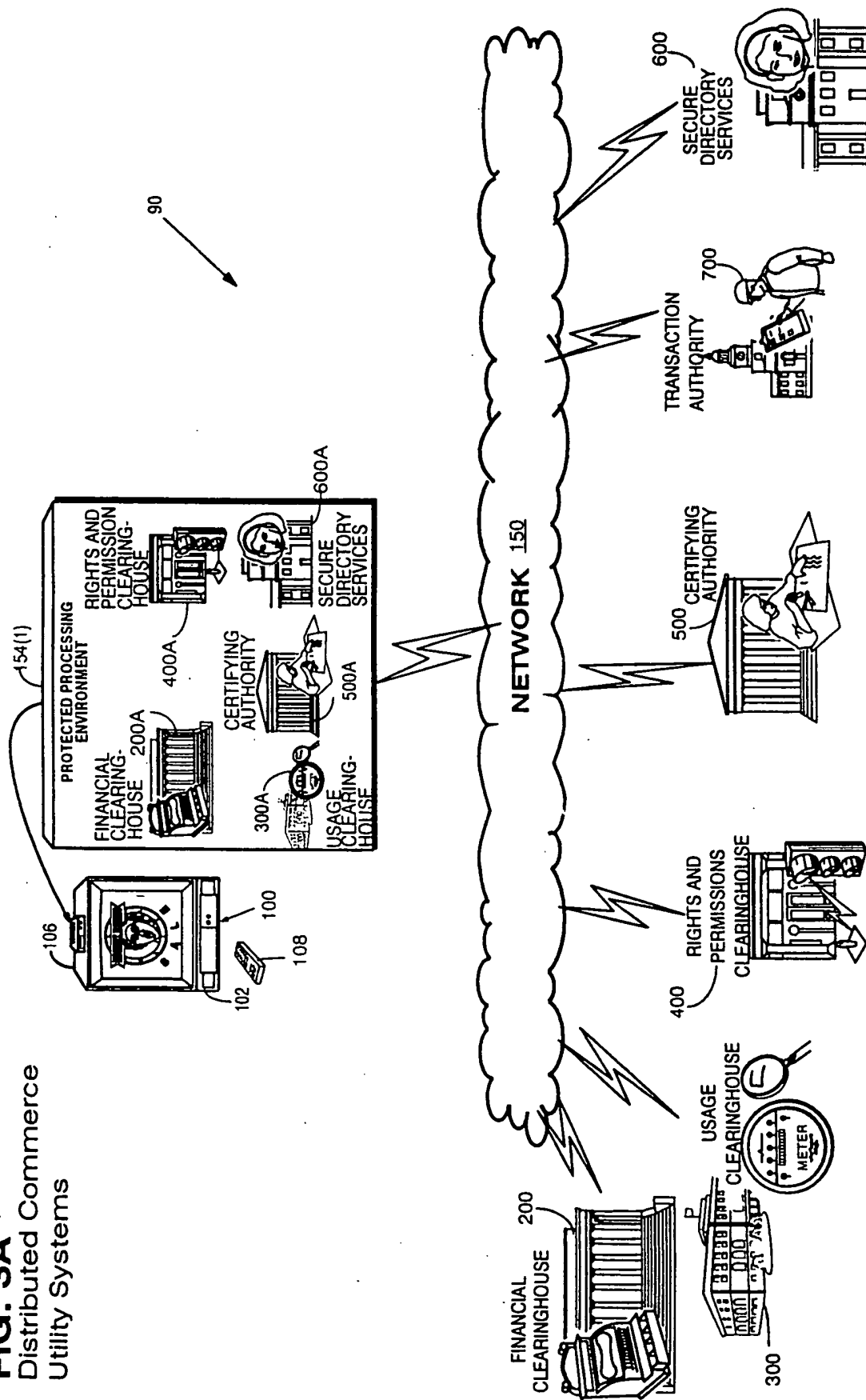




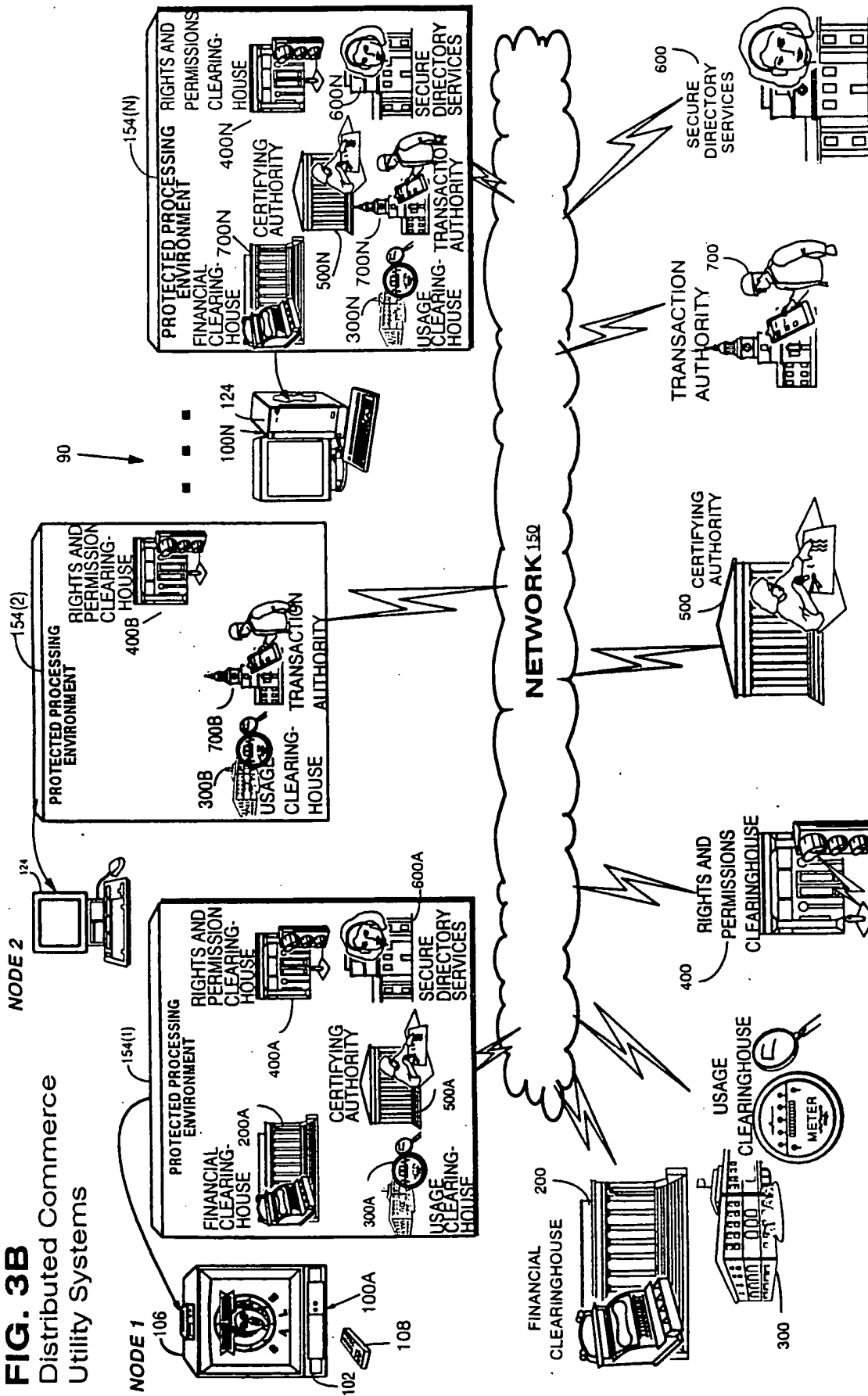


**FIG. 2E**

**FIG. 3A**  
Distributed Commerce  
Utility Systems



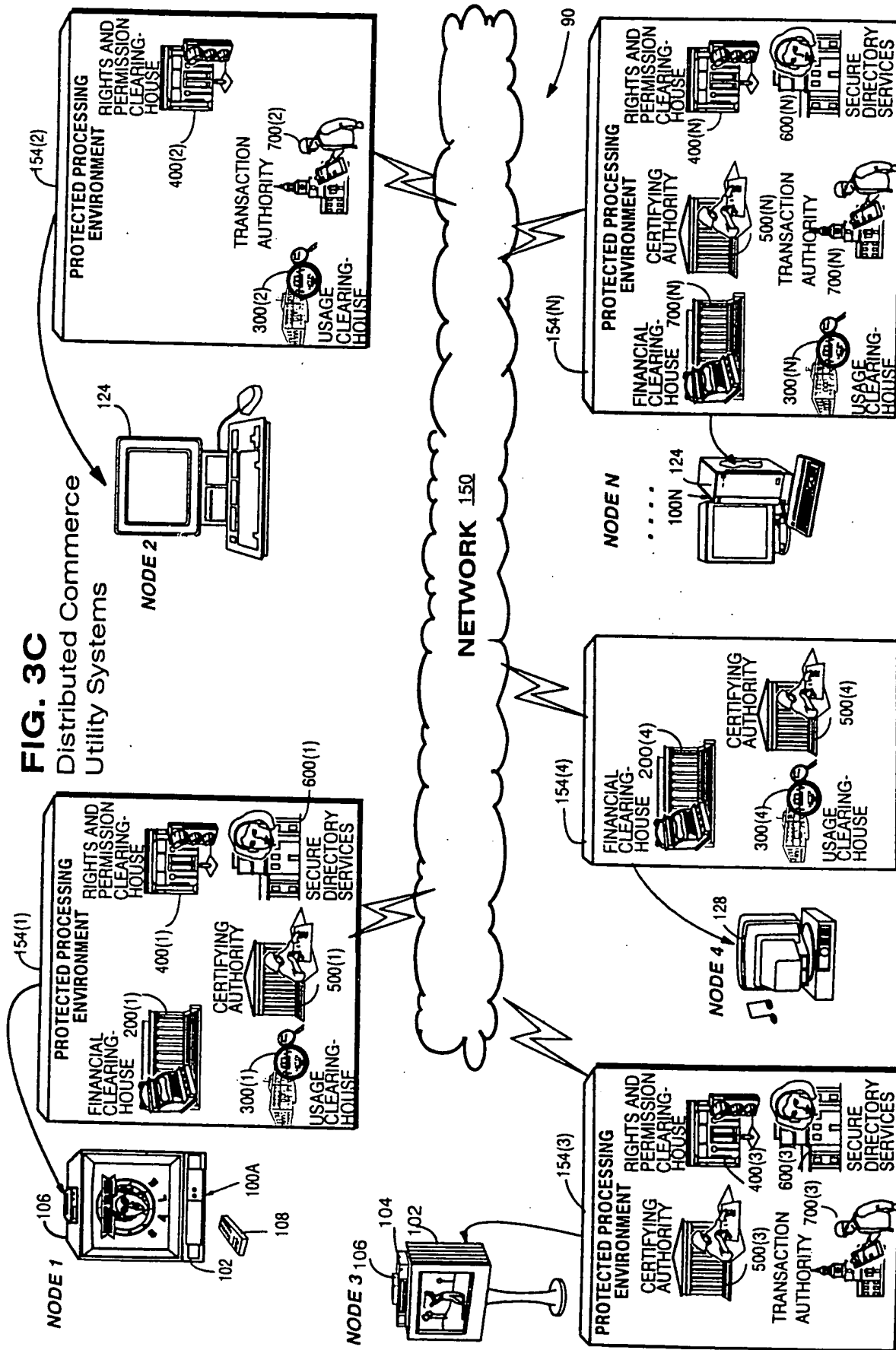
**FIG. 3B**  
Distributed Commerce  
Utility Systems



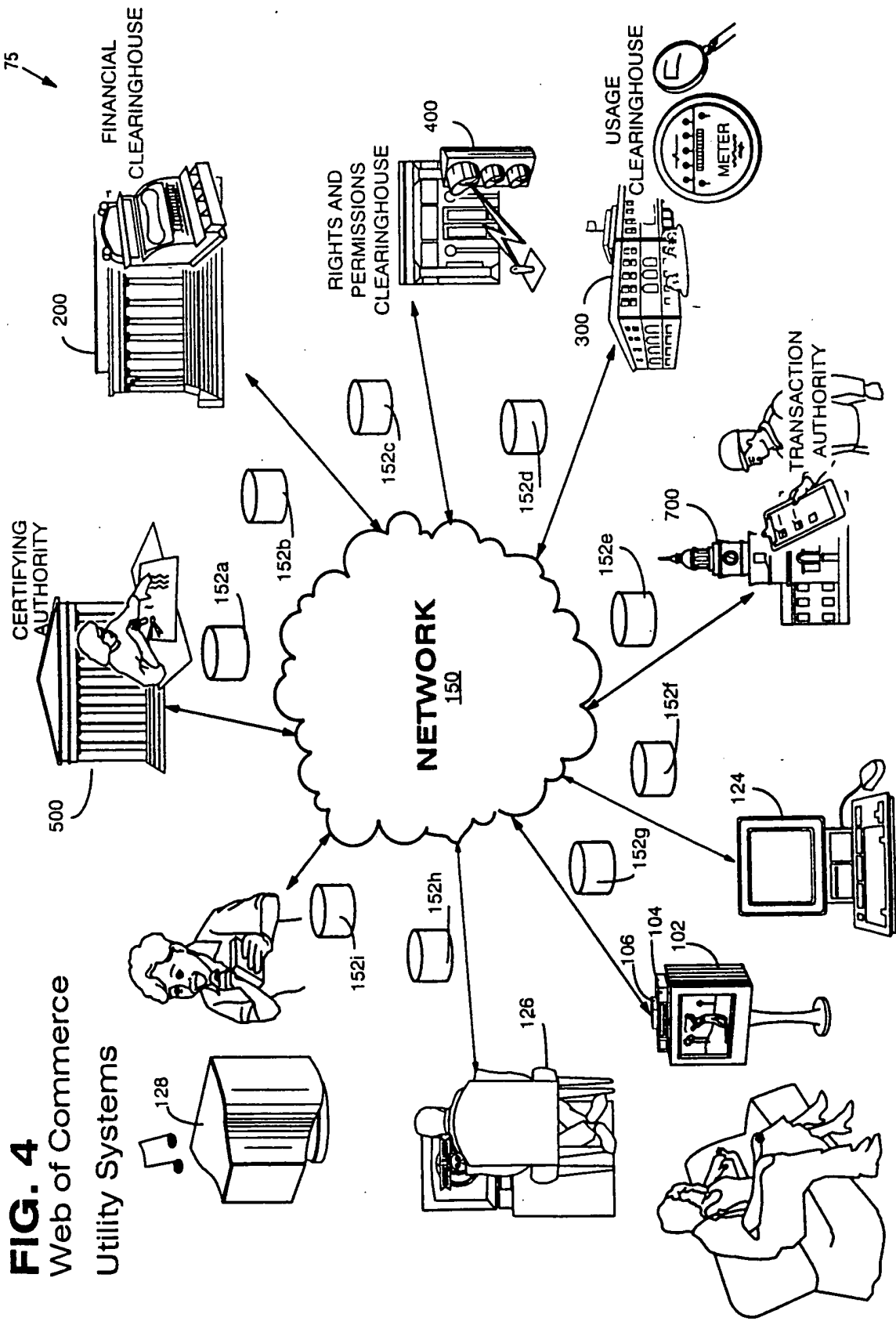


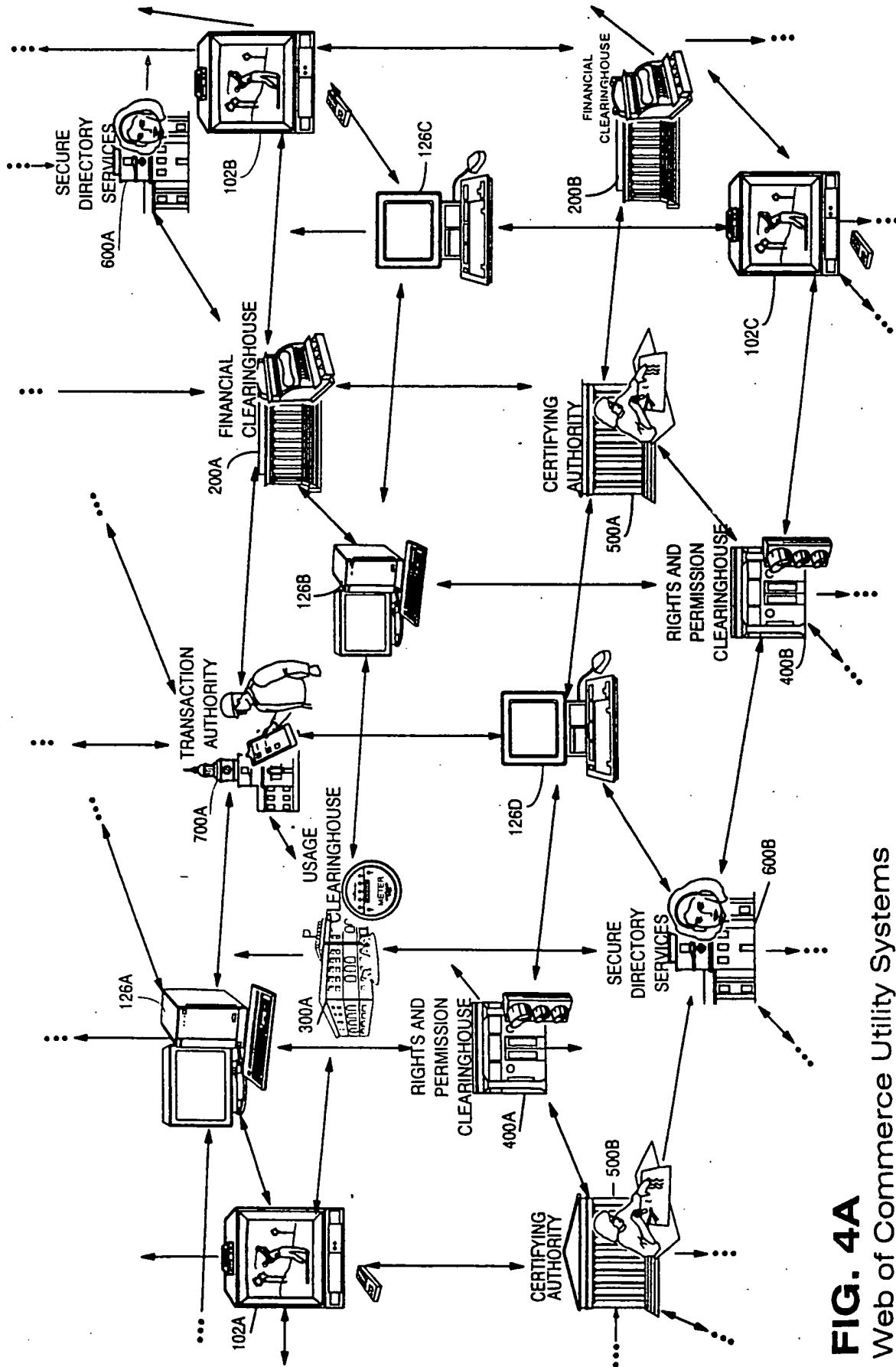
**FIG. 3C**

Distributed Commerce  
Utility Systems

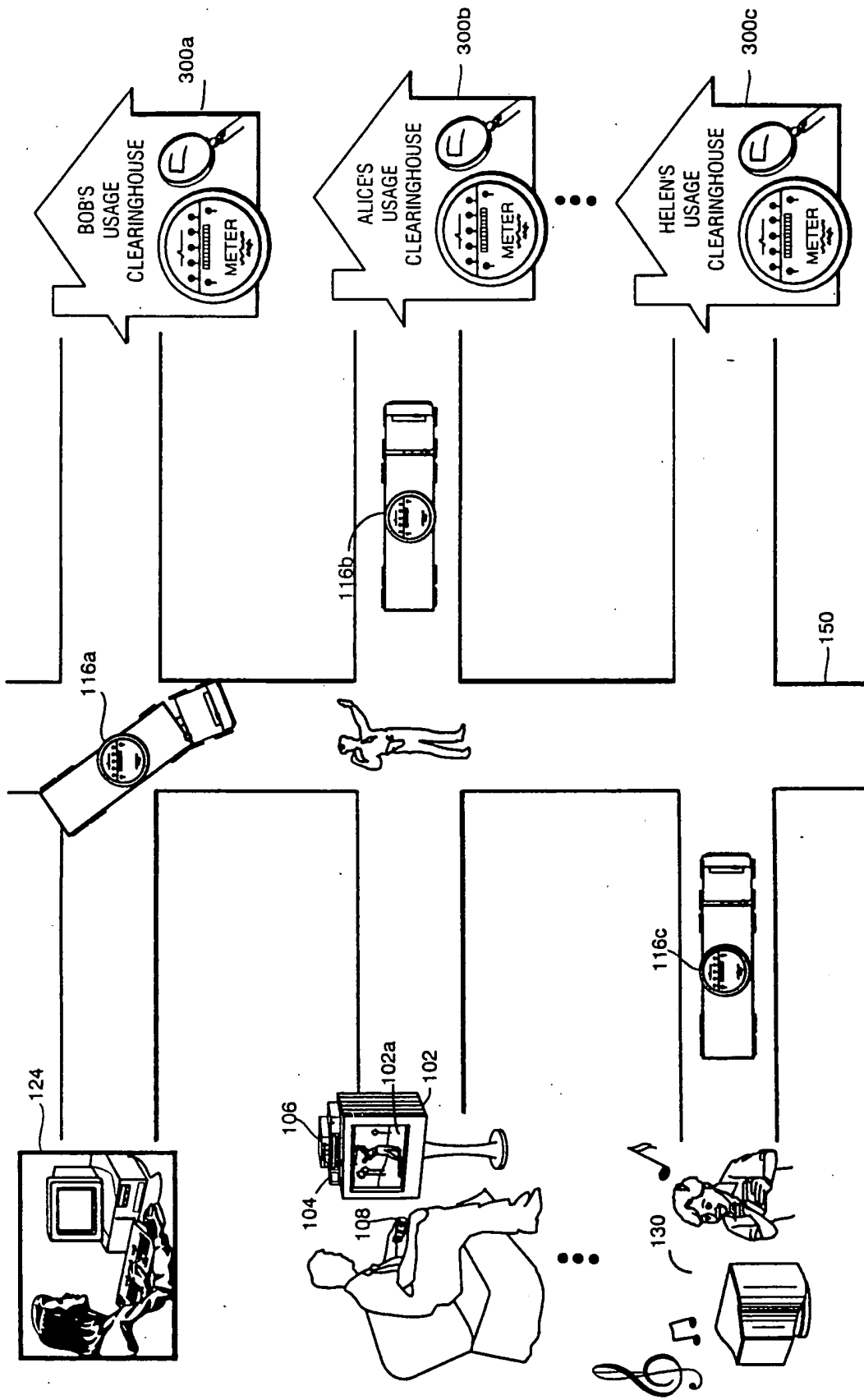


**FIG. 4**  
Web of Commerce  
Utility Systems





**FIG. 4A**  
Web of Commerce Utility Systems



**FIG. 5**

Rights Holders Can Choose Between Commerce Utility Systems

**FIG. 6**  
Different Commerce Utility Systems  
Can Work Together

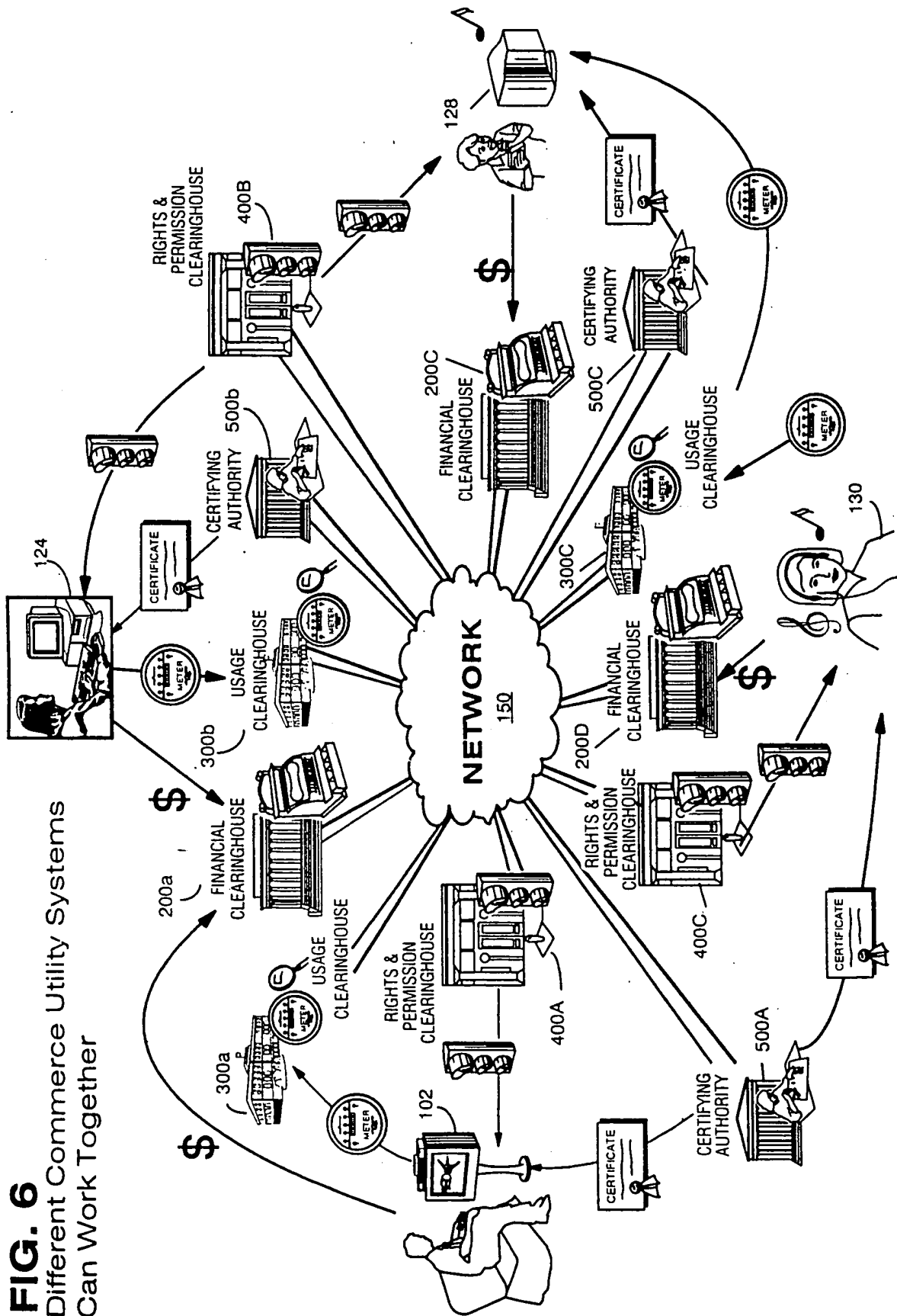
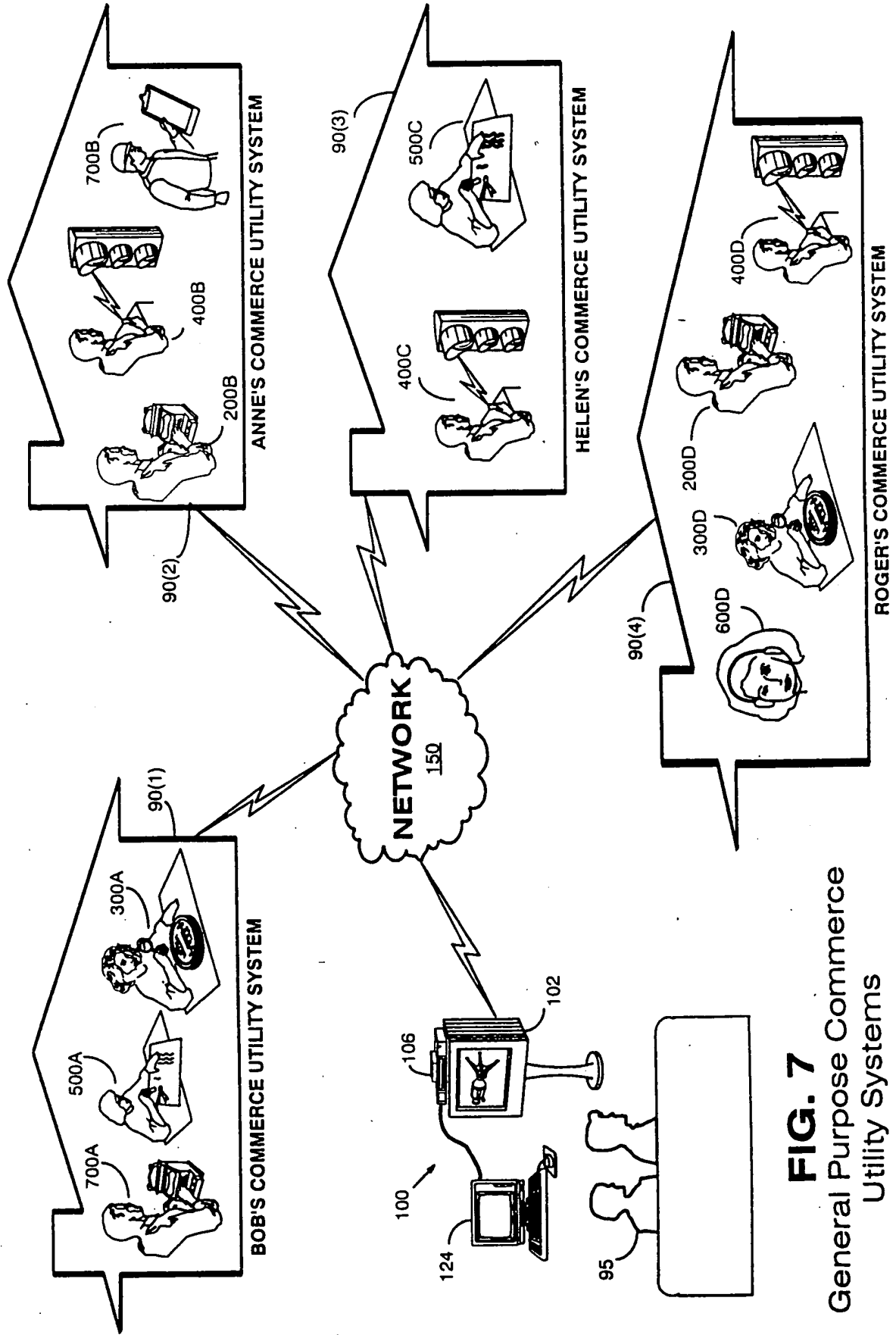


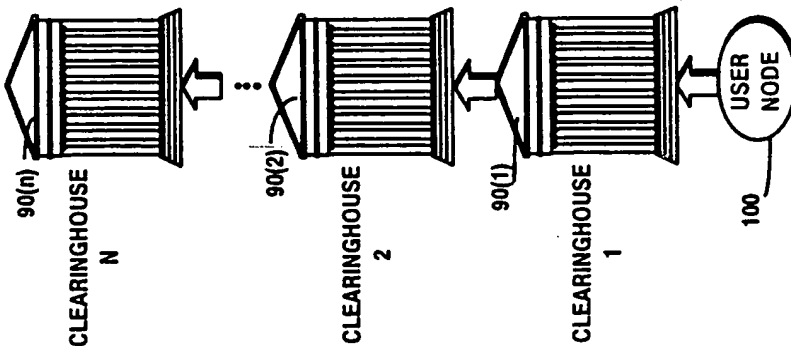
FIG. 7 is a schematic diagram of a general purpose commerce utility system. The system includes a central network 150, which is connected to four utility systems: Bob's Commerce Utility System 90(1), Anne's Commerce Utility System 90(2), Helen's Commerce Utility System 90(3), and Roger's Commerce Utility System 90(4). Each utility system contains various components: Bob's system has 700A, 500A, and 300A; Anne's system has 200B, 400B, and 700B; Helen's system has 400C, 500C, and 90(3); Roger's system has 600D, 300D, 200D, and 400D. A user interface 95 is shown at the bottom, connected to a computer 100, which is further connected to a television 102. The television 102 is also connected to the network 150. The network 150 is also connected to a computer 124. The user interface 95 is also connected to a computer 124. The user interface 95 is also connected to a computer 124.



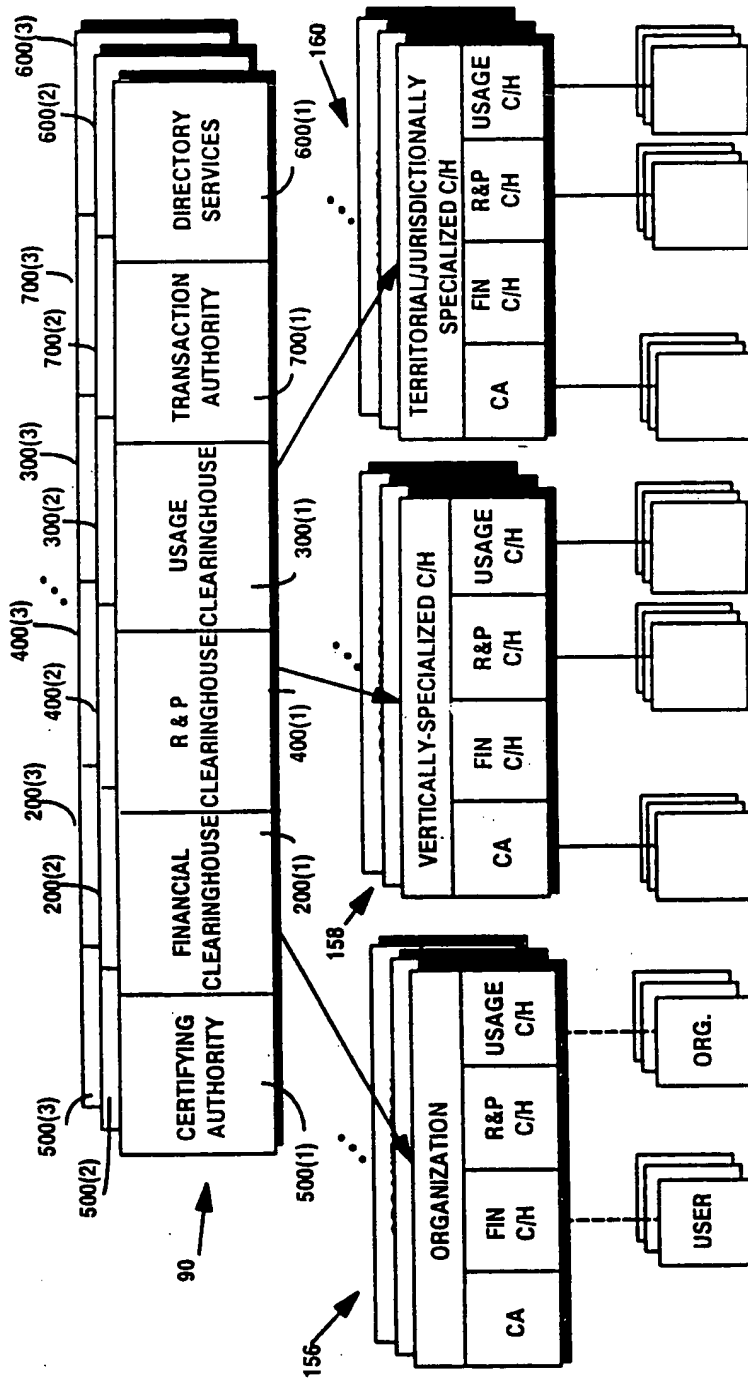
**FIG. 7**  
General Purpose Commerce  
Utility Systems



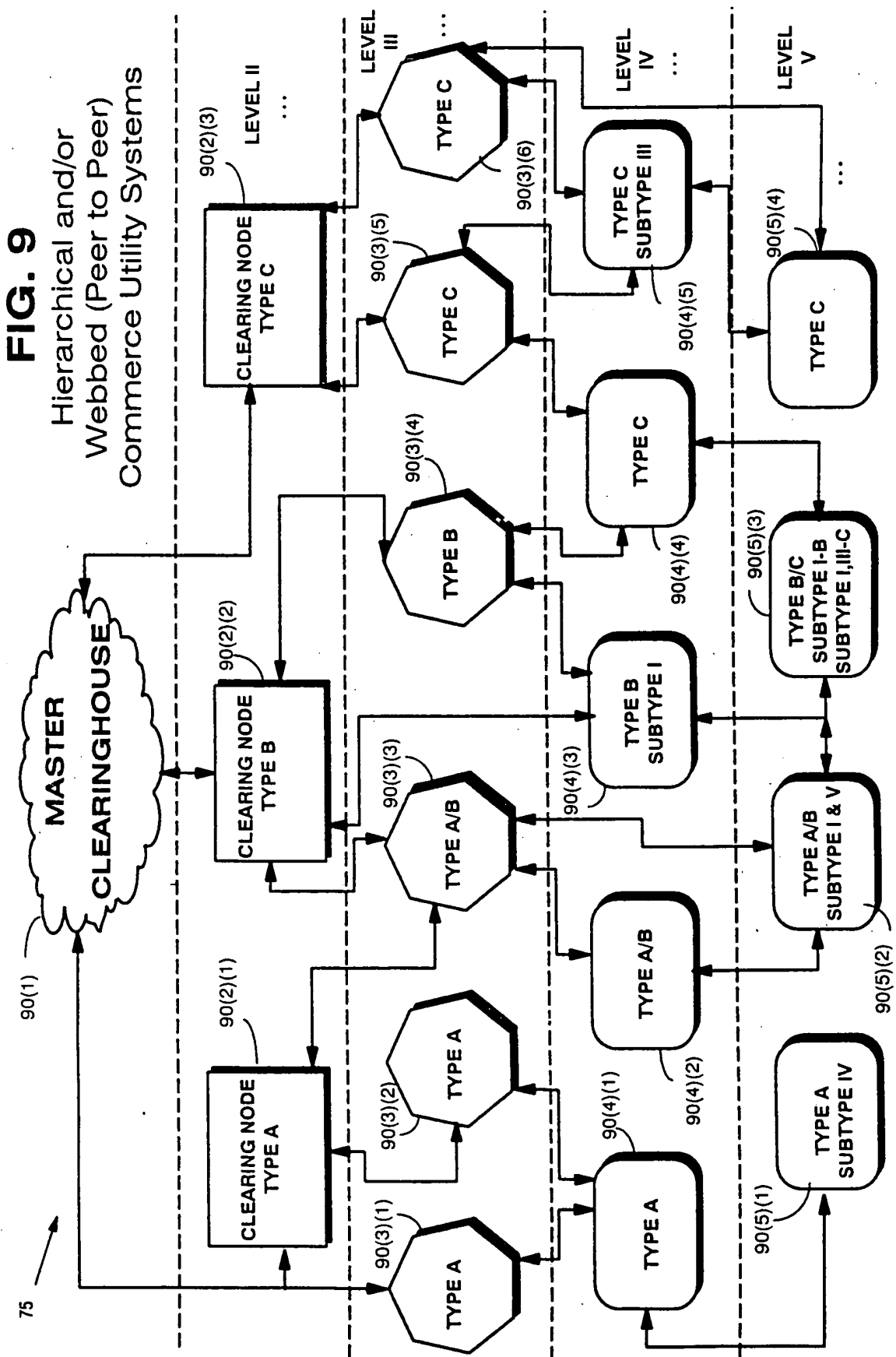
**FIG. 8A**



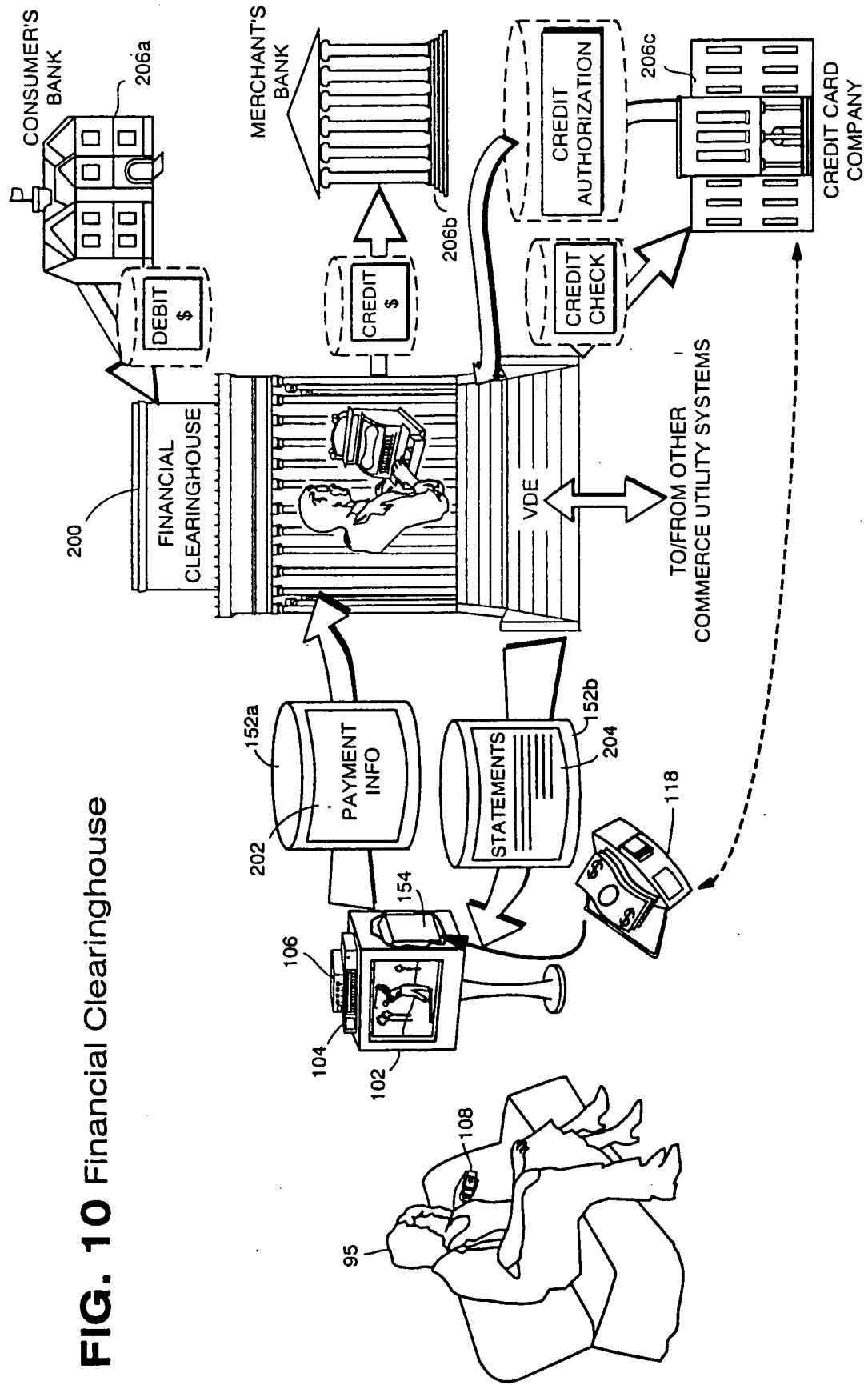
**FIG. 8B**  
Hierarchy Of Commerce  
Utility Systems



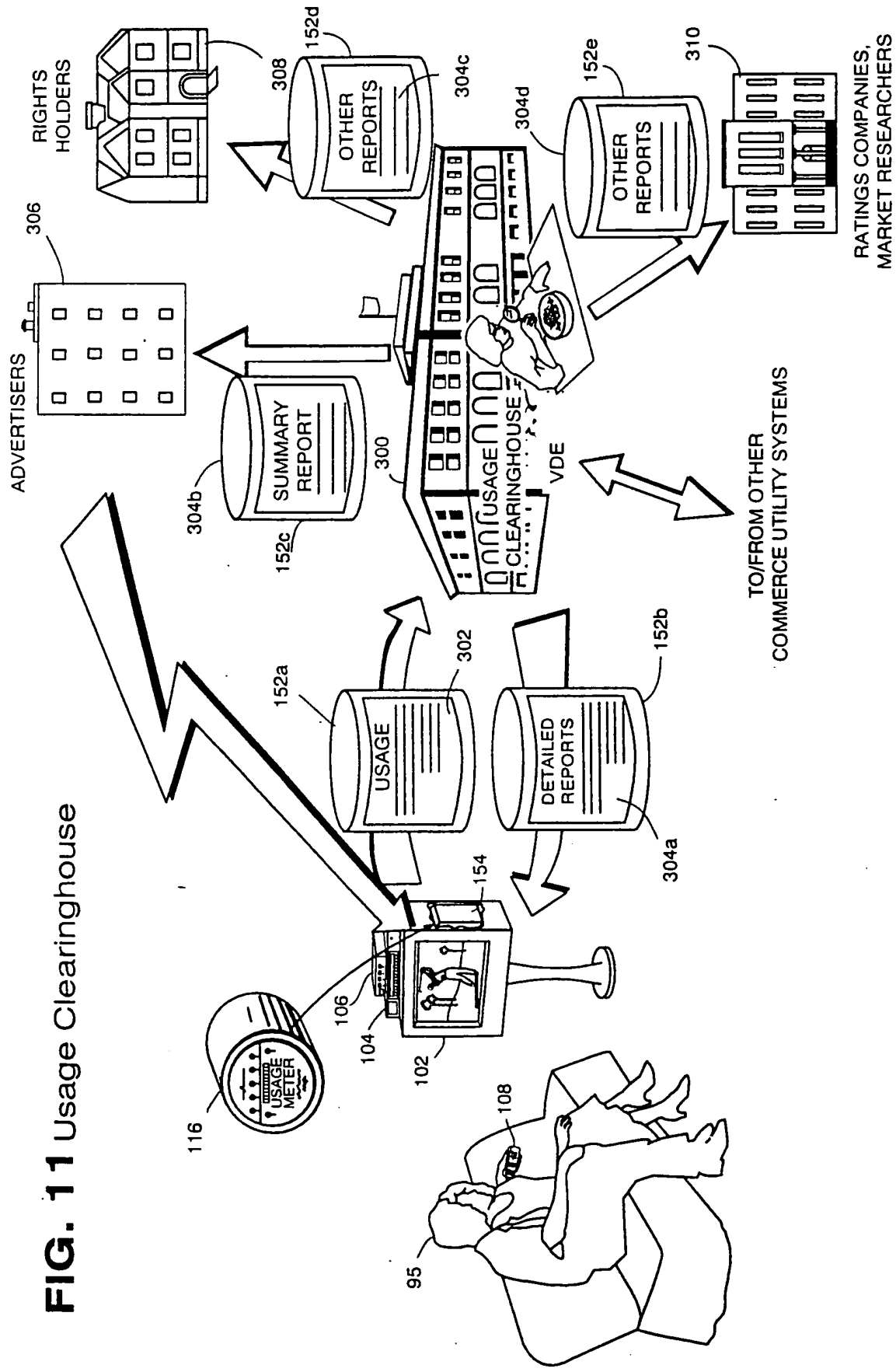




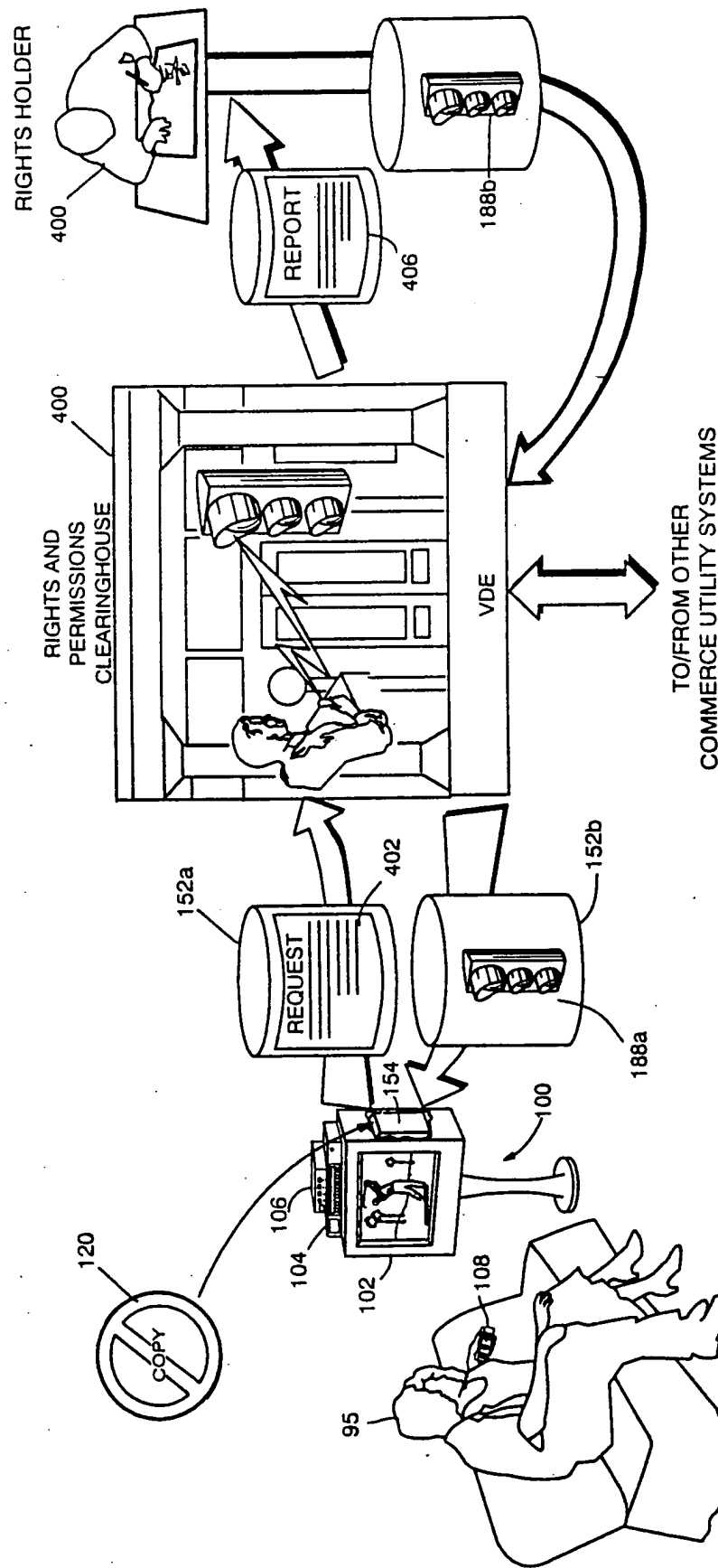
**FIG. 10** Financial Clearinghouse



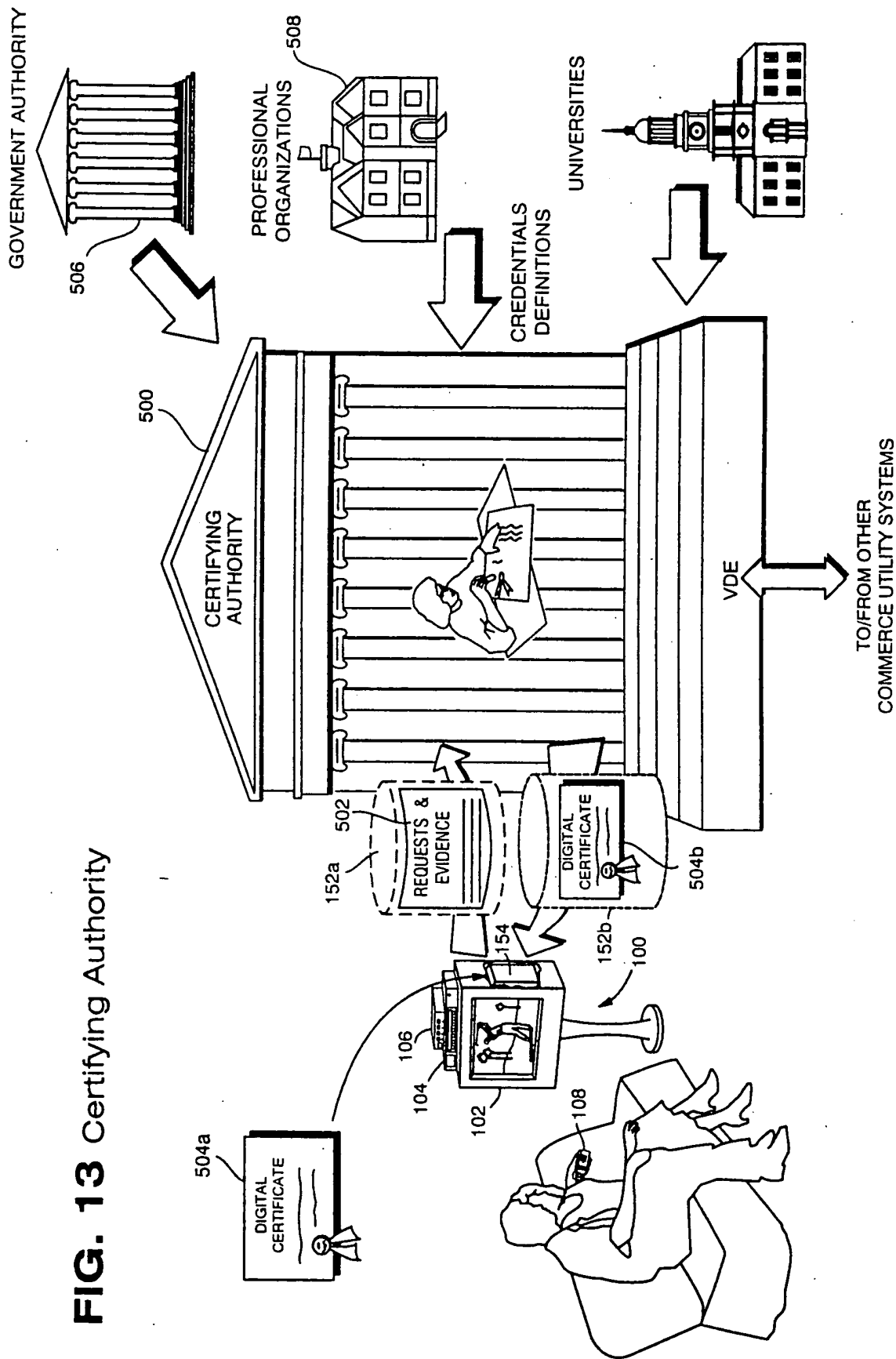
**FIG. 11** Usage Clearinghouse



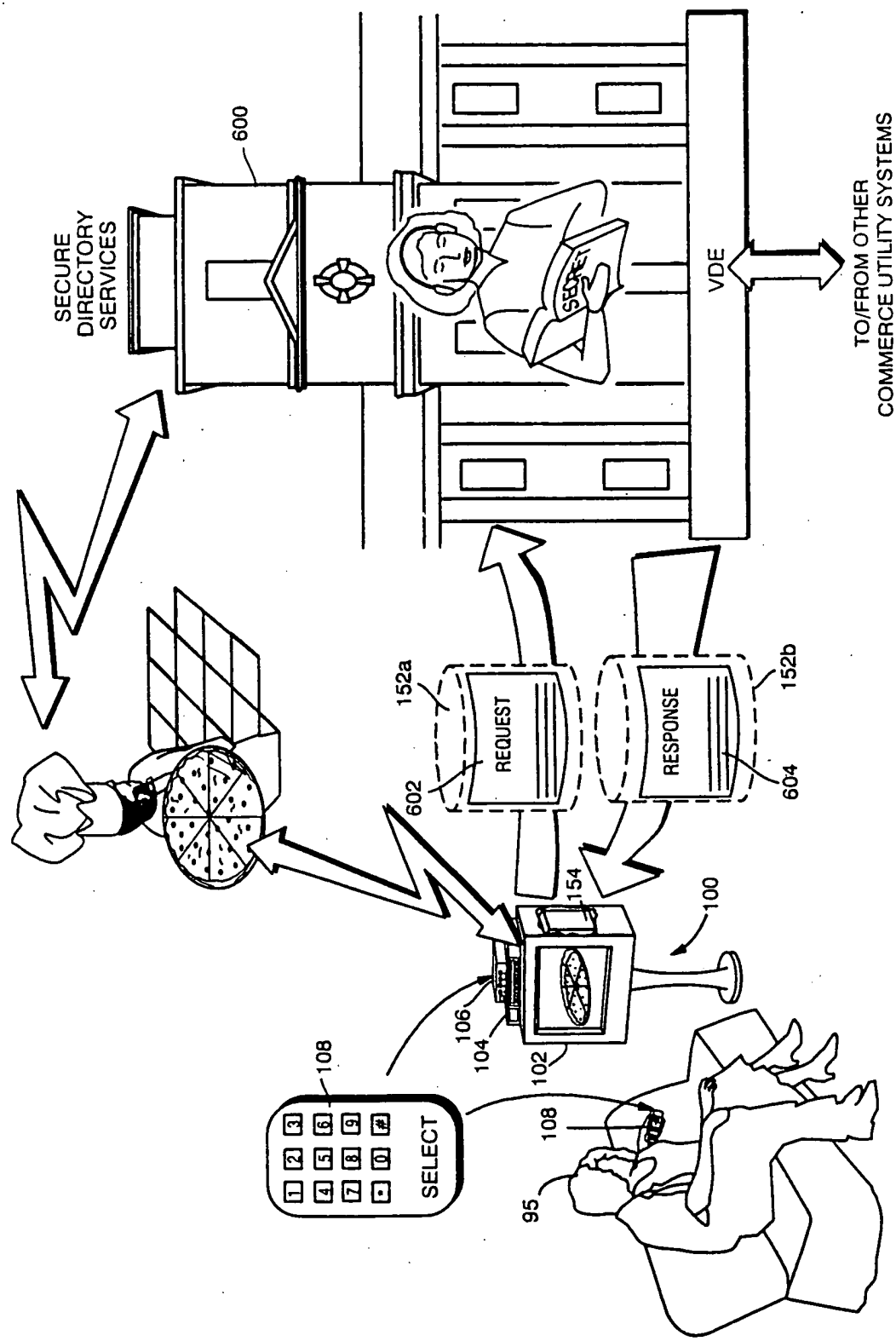
**FIG. 12** Rights and Permissions Clearinghouse



**FIG. 13** Certifying Authority



**FIG. 14** Secure Directory Services



**FIG. 15**  
Transaction Authority

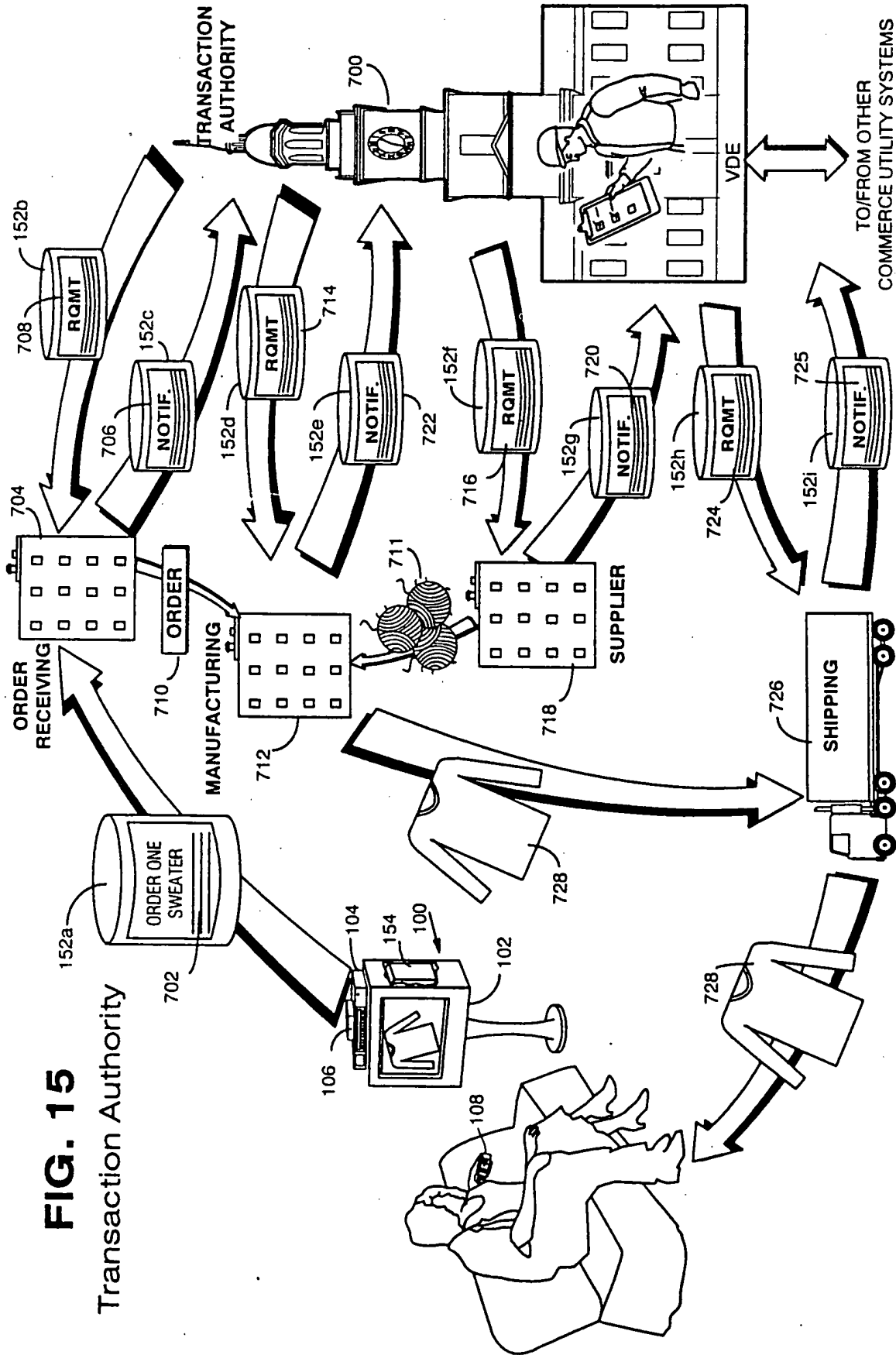


FIG. 16A

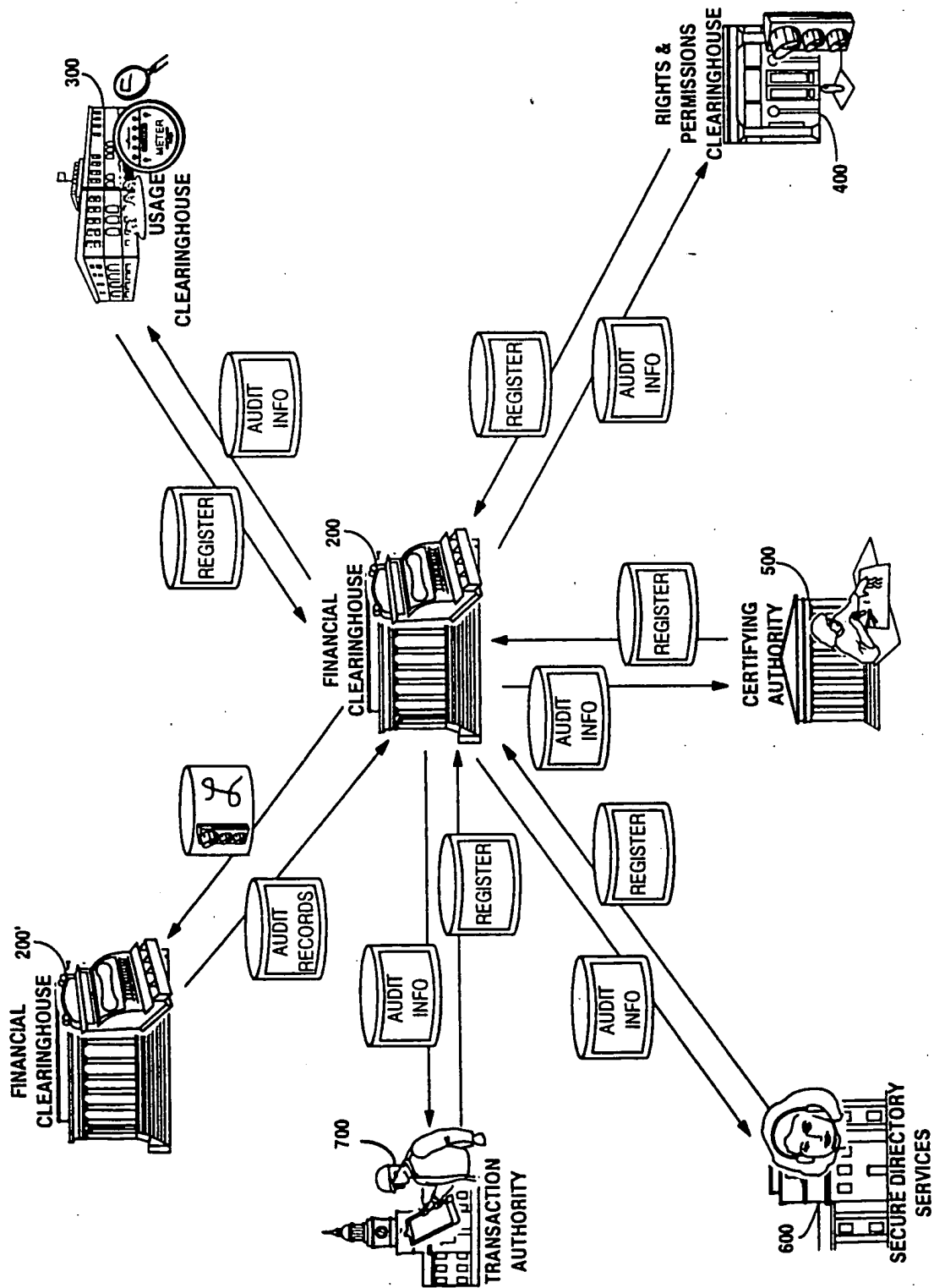




FIG. 16B

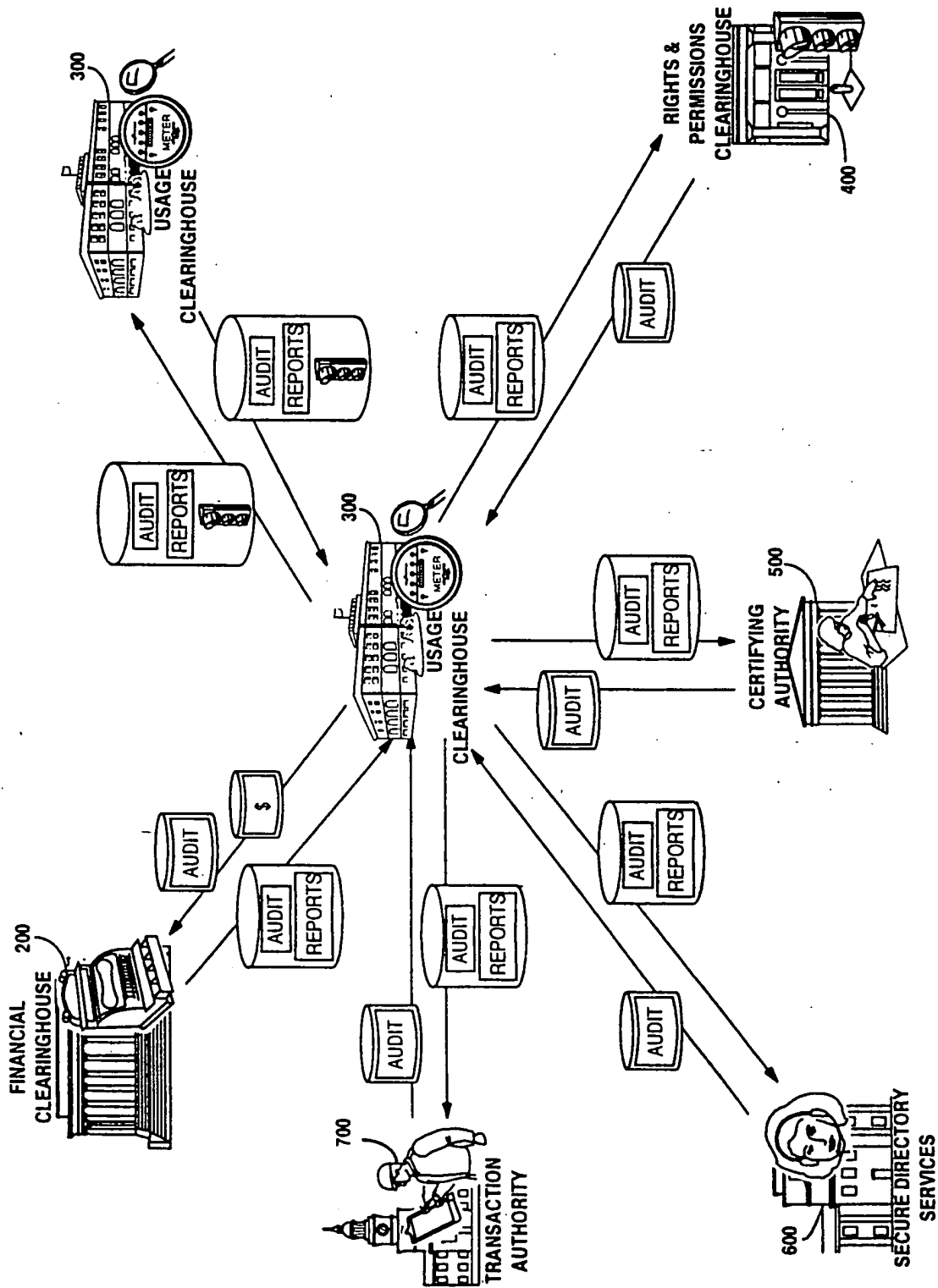


FIG. 16C

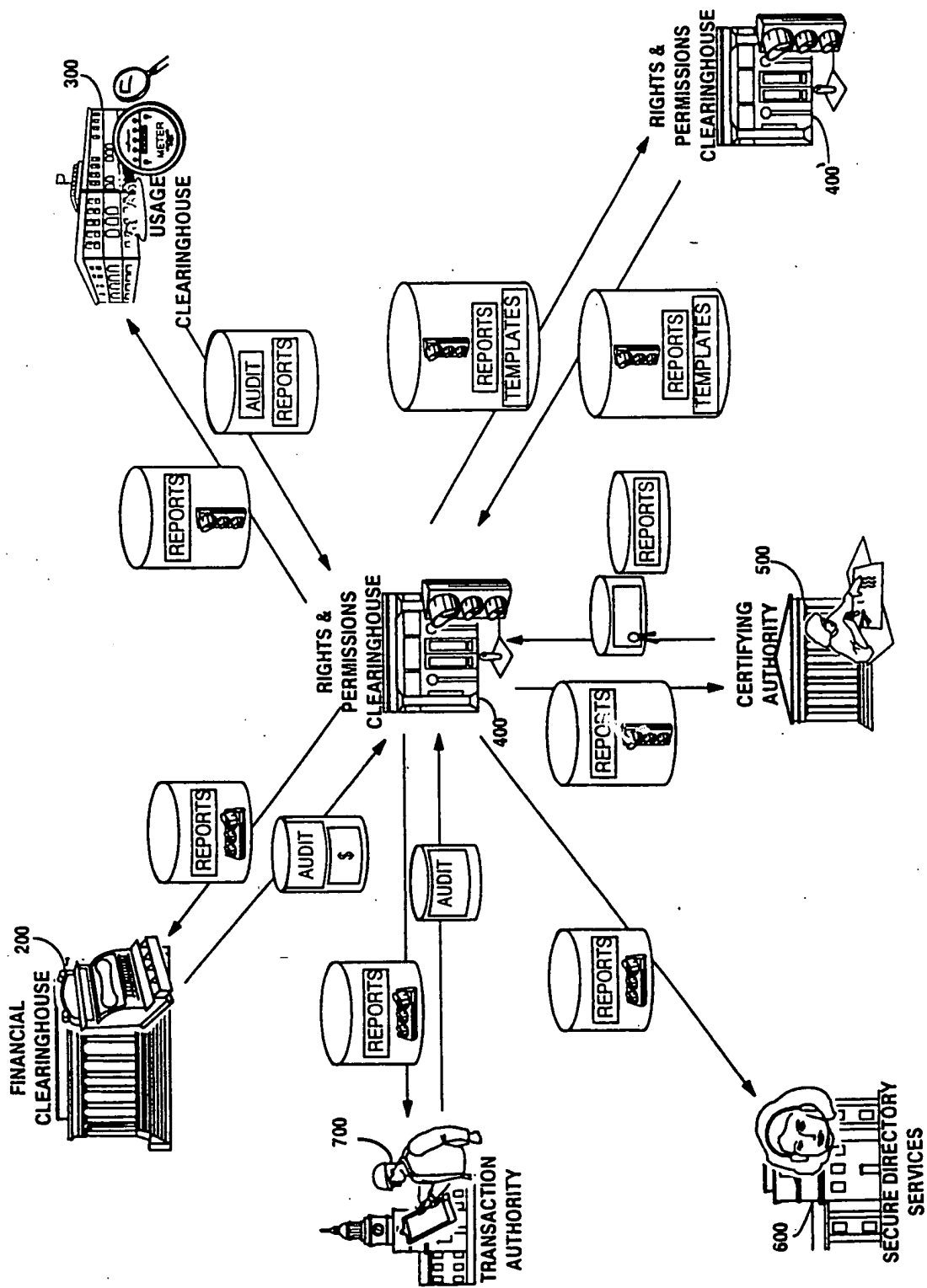


FIG. 16D

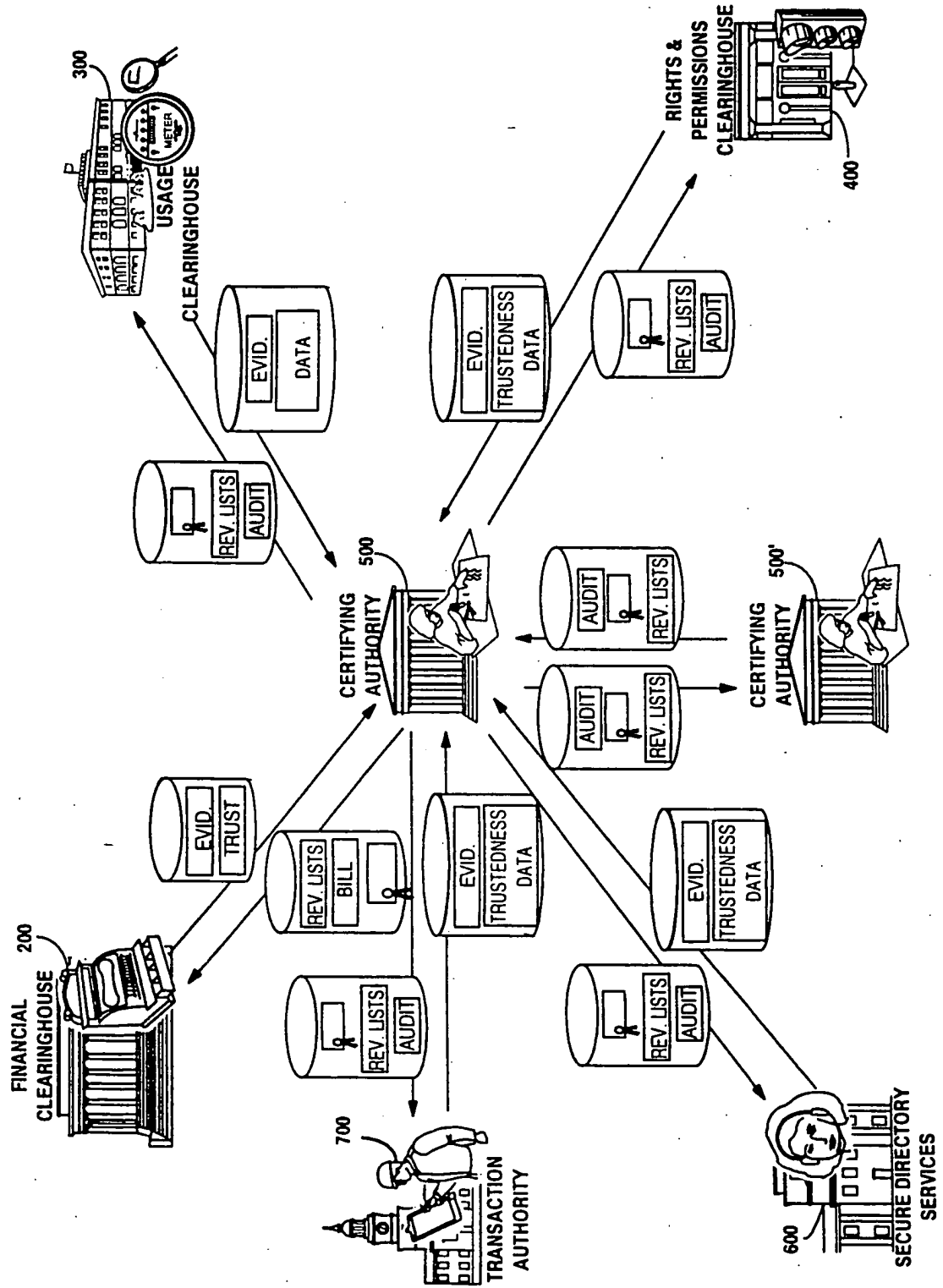


FIG. 16E

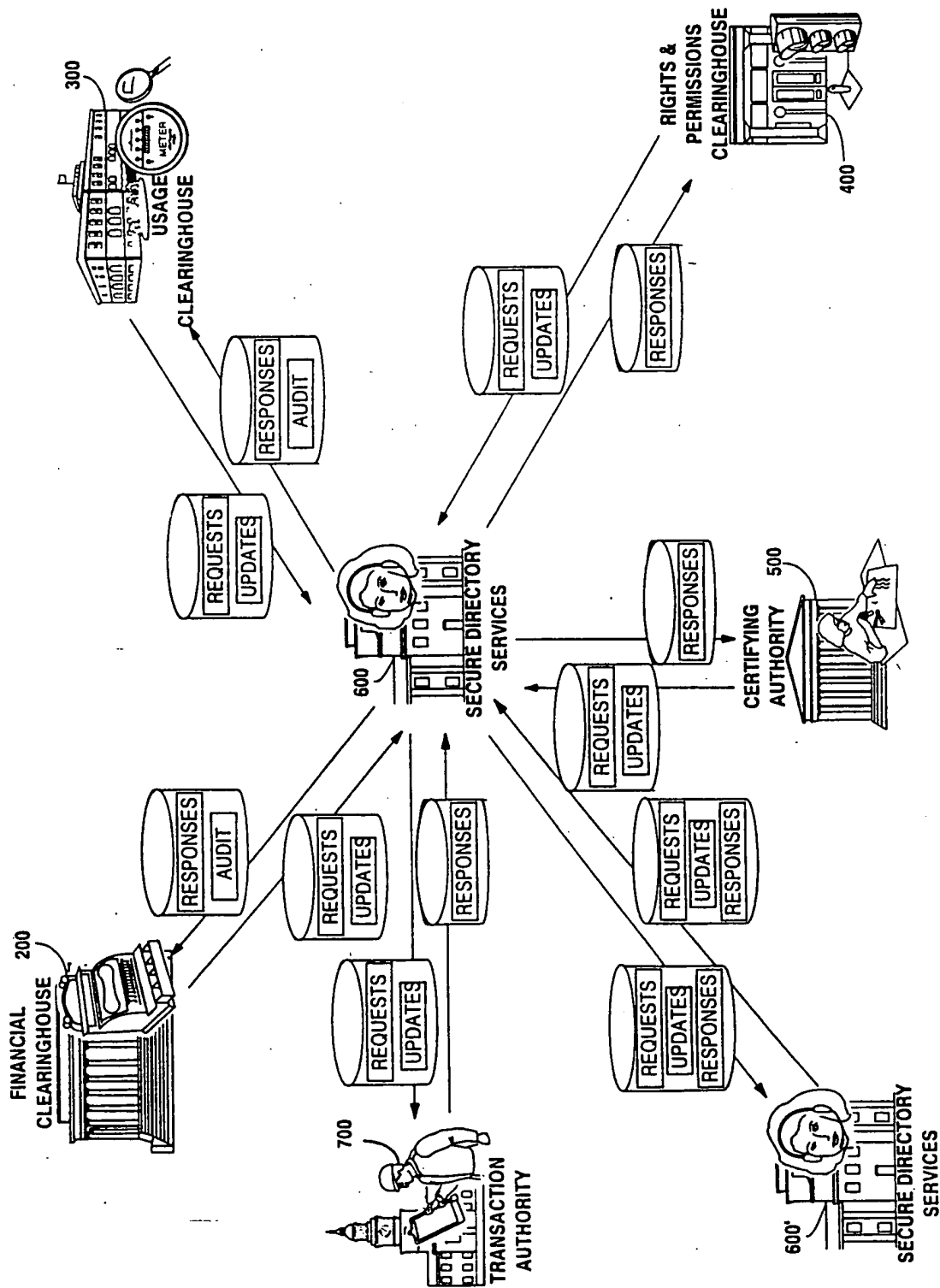
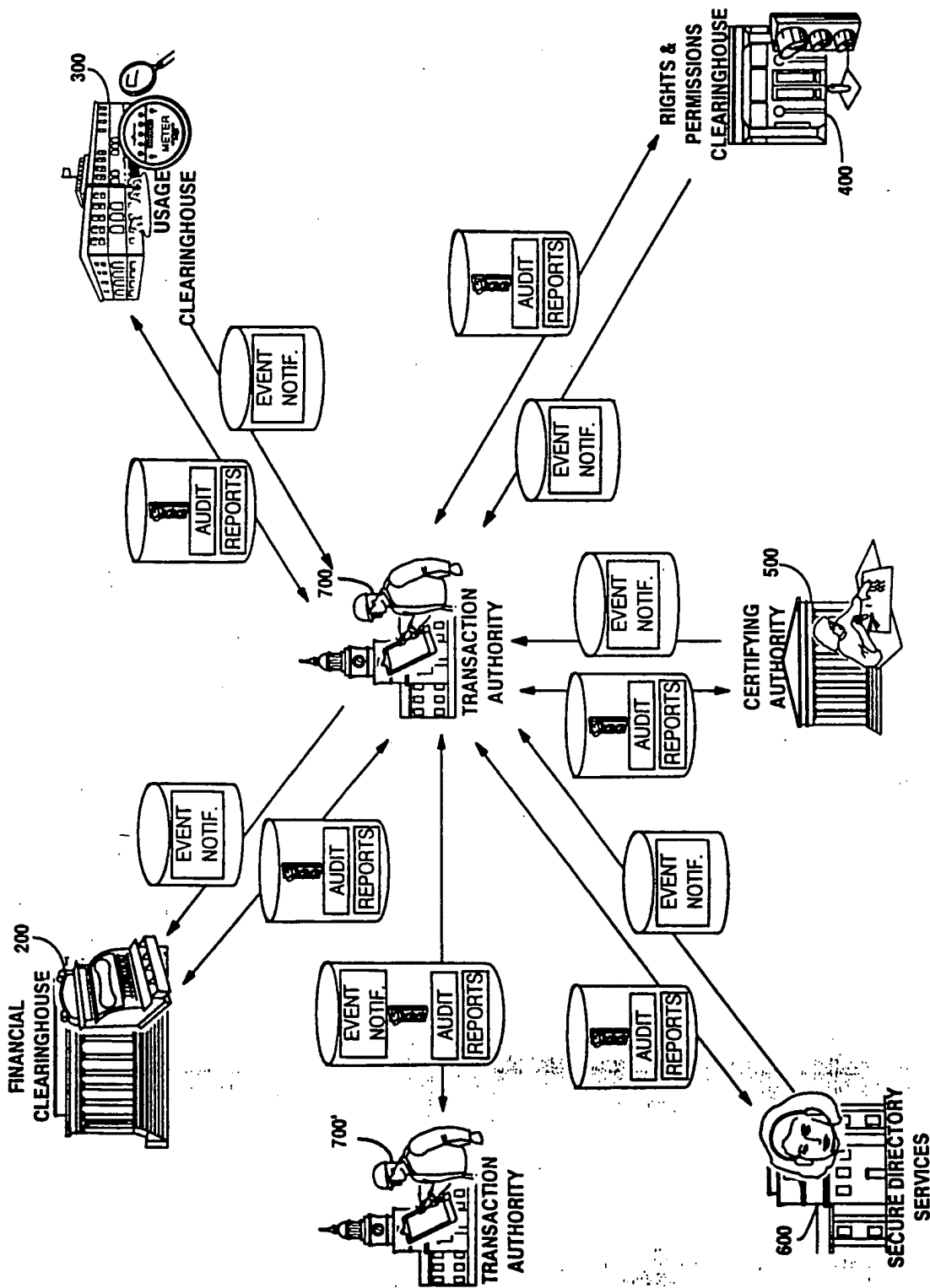
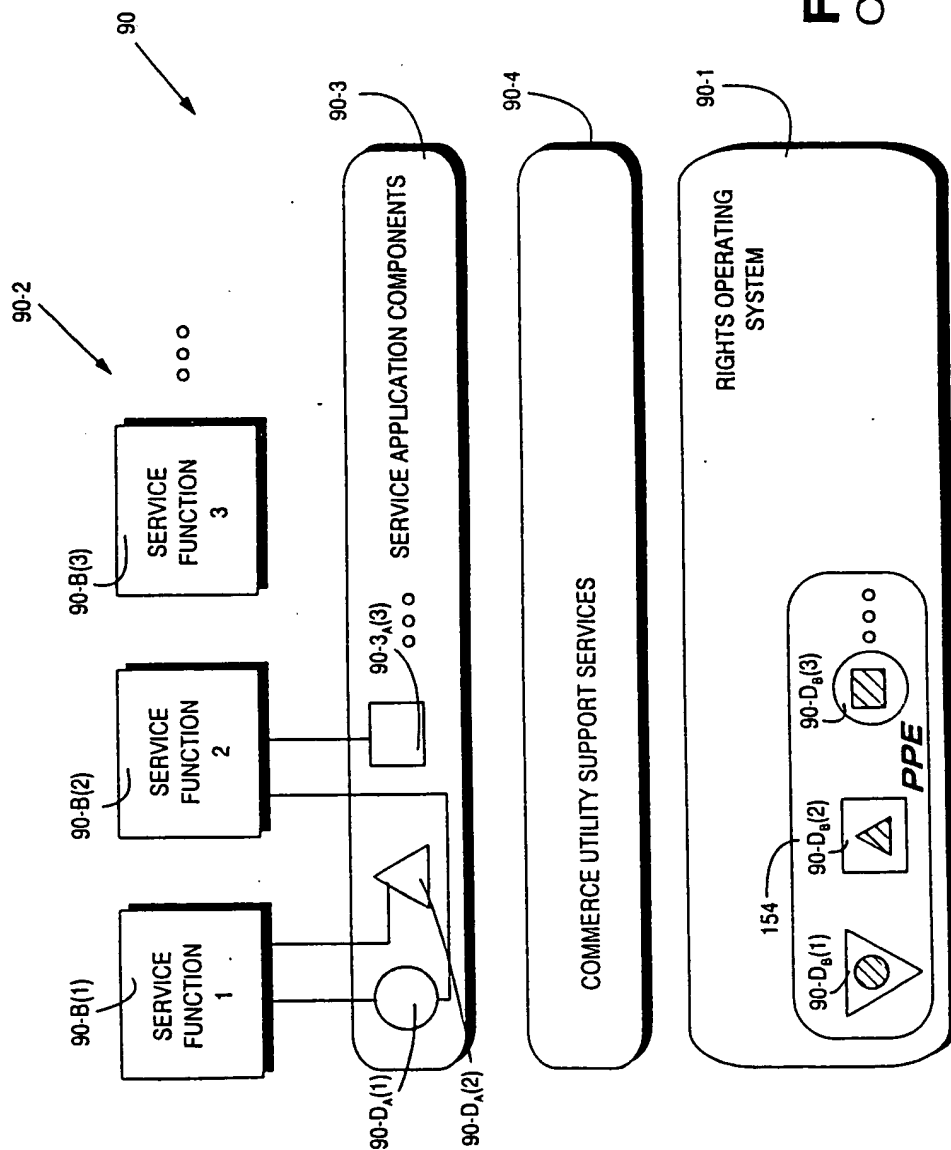


FIG. 16F





**FIG. 17A**  
Commerce Utility System 90

FIG. 17B

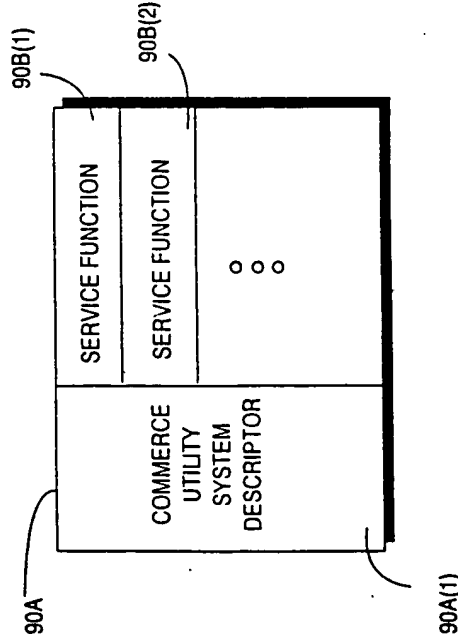


FIG. 17B

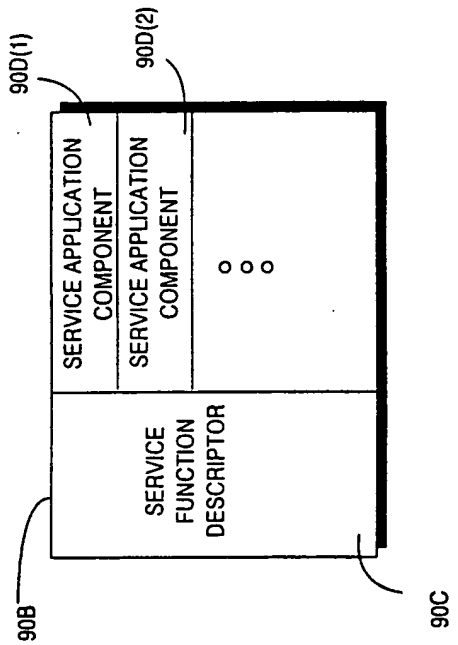


FIG. 17C

FIG. 17D-1

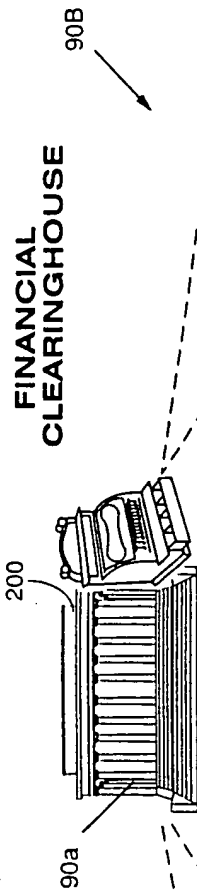
FIG. 17D-1

FINANCIAL CLEARINGHOUSE	USAGE CLEARINGHOUSE	RIGHTS & PERMISSIONS CLEARINGHOUSE	CERTIFICATE AUTHORITY	SECURE DIRECTORY SERVICES	TANGIBLES & PURCHASE & FULFILLMENT	INTANGIBLES & PURCHASE & FULFILLMENT	CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS & EXECUTION	EDI	SECURE DOCUMENT DELIVERY	BUSINESS PROCESS INTEGRATION	ARBITRATION & MEDIATION	ELECTRONIC ORDERS	ELECTRONIC CURRENCY MANAGEMENT	CYBERSPACE TRADING ENVIRONMENTS
AUDIT	MAINTAINING RECORDS			STATUS NOTIFICATION	EVENT DATABASE MANAGEMENT			CONTROL SET DATABASE MGMT	NOTARY	OBJECT REGISTRY			CERTIFICATE CREATION	...
OVERSEEING PROCESS	CONFIRMATIONS			ROUTING DATABASE	GENERATE CONTROL SETS			SEAL GENERATOR	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ASSIGNMENT			REVOCACTION LIST MAINTENANCE	...	
MONITORING STATUS	UNCOMPLETED EVENTS RECORD		REQUIREMENTS GENERATION	GENERATING REQUESTS	PROCESS CONTROL LOGIC			DIGITAL TIME STAMP	COPYRIGHT REGISTRATION			...		
COMPLETE PROCESS DEFINITION	REPLICATION		EVENT FLOW GENERATION	FINGERPRINT /WATERMARK			CONTROL SET REGISTRY			...				
PROCESS CONTROL	REPORT GENERATION	PROPAGATION	ROUTING	OFFERS & COUNTER OFFERS	TEMPLATE REGISTRY	DIRECTOR DATABASE MANAGEMENT			...					
INTERFACE(S) TO SETTLEMENT SERVICES	FUNDS TRANSFER	EVENT CONSEQUENCES	USAGE DATABASE MANAGEMENT	ARCHIVE	DATABASE QUERY & RESPONSE PROCESSING			...						
CURRENCY CONVERSION	TAX CALCULATION & APPLICATION	ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION	BILL CREATION & PROCESSING	RIGHTS & PERMISSION DATABASE MANAGEMENT	ADVERTISING DATABASE MANAGEMENT			...						
ACCOUNT CREATION & IDENTIFIER ASSIGNMENT	PAYMENT AGGREGATION	IDENTITY AUTHENTICATION	MARKET RESEARCH	TEMPLATE DATABASE MANAGEMENT	AUTOMATIC CLASS GENERATION			...						
PAYMENT DISAGGREGATION	BUDGET PRE-AUTHORIZATION	ELECTRONIC CURRENCY CREATION	NEGOTIATION	COMMERCE MGMT LANGUAGE PROCESSING	AUTOMATIC CLASS ASSIGNMENT			...						
:	:	:	RIGHTS MANAGEMENT LANGUAGE PROCESSING			:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
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90B



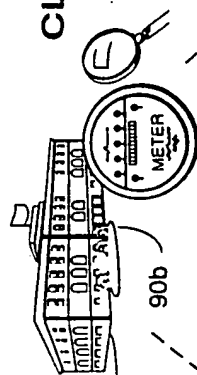
FIG. 17D-2



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MONITORING STATUS	UNCOMPLETED EVENTS RECORD	GENERATING REQUESTS	PROCESS CONTROL LOGIC	DIGITAL TIME STAMP	COPYRIGHT REGISTRATION	...	...	...
COMPLETE PROCESS DEFINITION	REQUIREMENTS GENERATION	REPLICATION	EVENT FLOW GENERATION	FINGERPRINT /WATERMARK	CONTROL SET REGISTRY	...	...	...
PROCESS CONTROL	REPORT GENERATION	PROPAGATION	ROUTING	OFFERS & COUNTER OFFERS	TEMPLATE REGISTRY	DIRECTOR DATABASE MANAGEMENT	...	...
INTERFACE(S) TO SETTLEMENT SERVICES	FUNDS TRANSFER	EVENT CONSEQUENCES	USAGE DATABASE MANAGEMENT	ARCHIVE	DATABASE QUERY & RESPONSE PROCESSING	...	...	...
CURRENCY CONVERSION	TAX CALCULATION & APPLICATION	ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION	BILL CREATION & PROCESSING	RIGHTS & PERMISSION DATABASE MANAGEMENT	ADVERTISING DATABASE MANAGEMENT	...	...	...
ACCOUNT CREATION & IDENTIFIER ASSIGNMENT	PAYMENT AGGREGATION	IDENTITY AUTHENTICATION	MARKET RESEARCH	TEMPLATE DATABASE MANAGEMENT	AUTOMATIC CLASS GENERATION	...	...	...
PAYMENT DISAGGREGATION	BUDGET PRE-AUTHORIZATION	ELECTRONIC CURRENCY CREATION	NEGOTIATION	COMMERCE MGMT LANGUAGE PROCESSING	AUTOMATIC CLASS ASSIGNMENT	...	...	...
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FIG. 17D-3

USAGE  
CLEARINGHOUSE

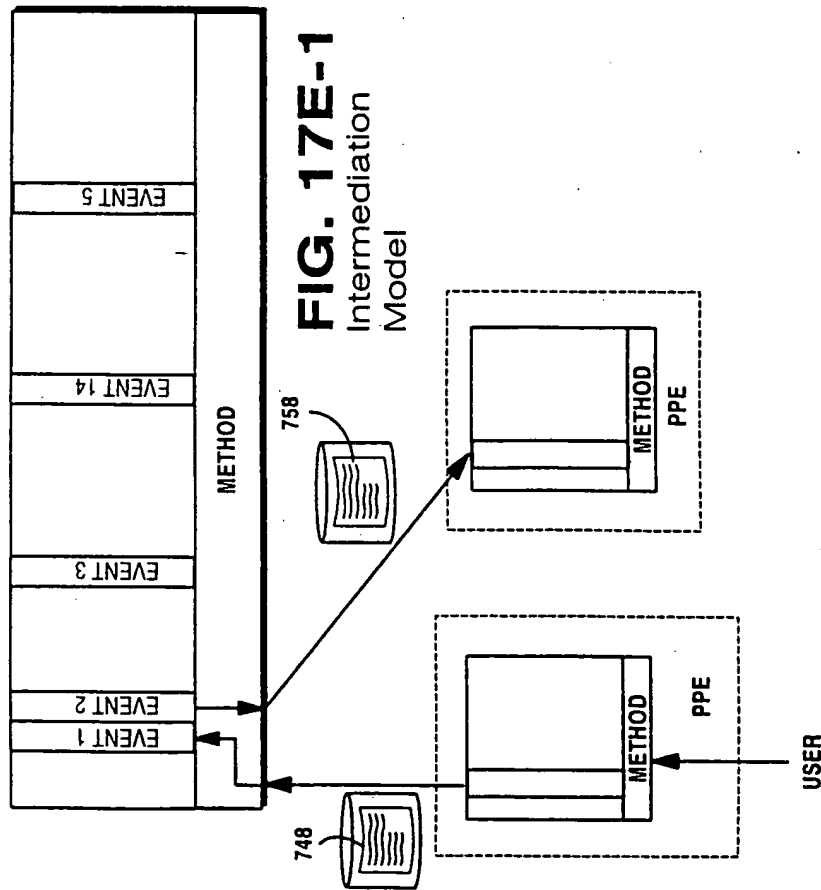


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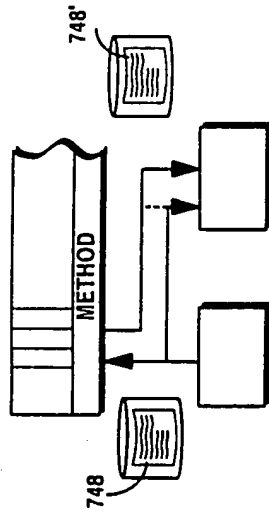
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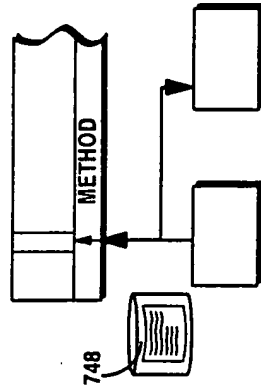
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MONITORING STATUS	UNCOMPLETED EVENTS RECORD	GENERATING REQUESTS	PROCESS CONTROL LOGIC	DIGITAL TIME STAMP	COPYRIGHT REGISTRATION	...	...	...
COMPLETE PROCESS DEFINITION	REQUIREMENTS GENERATION	REPLICATION	EVENT FLOW GENERATION	FINGERPRINT /WATERMARK	CONTROL SET REGISTRY	...	...	...
PROCESS CONTROL	REPORT GENERATION	PROPAGATION	ROUTING	OFFERS & COUNTER OFFERS	TEMPLATE REGISTRY	DIRECTOR DATABASE MANAGEMENT	...	...
INTERFACE(S) TO SETTLEMENT SERVICES	FUNDS TRANSFER	EVENT CONSEQUENCES	USAGE DATABASE MANAGEMENT	ARCHIVE	DATABASE QUERY & RESPONSE PROCESSING	...	...	...
CURRENCY CONVERSION	TAX CALCULATION & APPLICATION	ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION	BILL CREATION & PROCESSING	RIGHTS & PERMISSION DATABASE MANAGEMENT	ADVERTISING DATABASE MANAGEMENT	...	...	...
ACCOUNT CREATION & IDENTIFIER ASSIGNMENT	PAYMENT AGGREGATION	IDENTITY AUTHENTICATION	MARKET RESEARCH	TEMPLATE DATABASE MANAGEMENT	AUTOMATIC CLASS GENERATION	...	...	...
PAYMENT DISAGGREGATION	BUDGET PRE-AUTHORIZATION	ELECTRONIC CURRENCY CREATION	NEGOTIATION	COMMERCE MGMT LANGUAGE PROCESSING	AUTOMATIC CLASS ASSIGNMENT	...	...	...
:	:	:	RIGHTS MANAGEMENT LANGUAGE PROCESSING	:	:	:	:	:



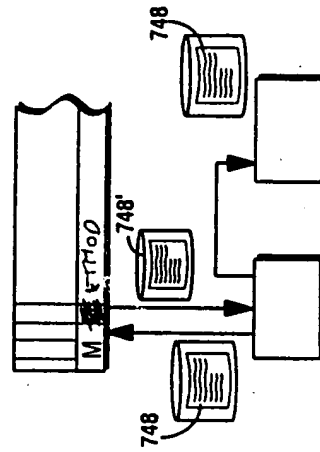
**FIG. 17E-1**  
Intermediation  
Model



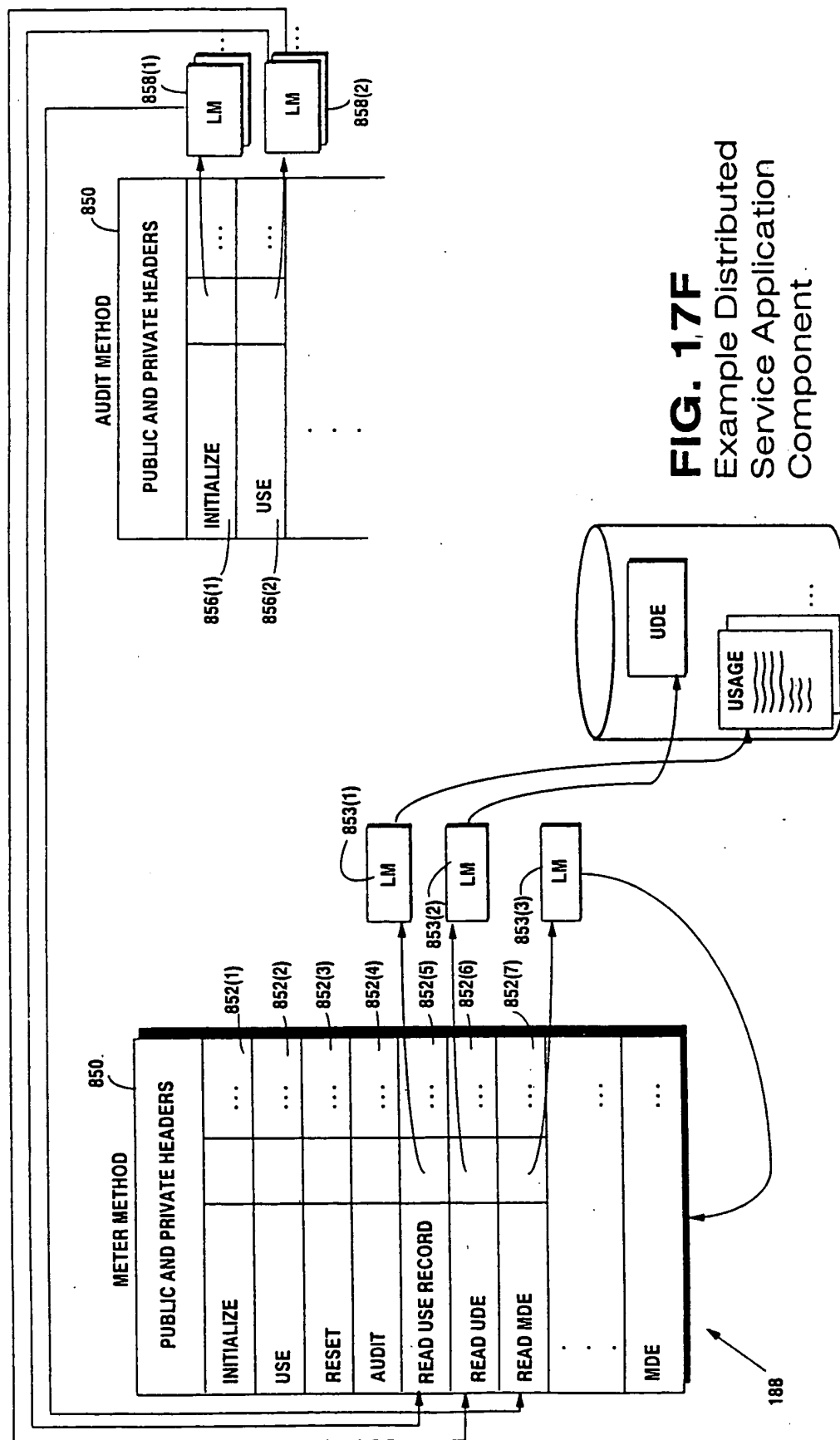
**FIG. 17E-2**  
Authentication to Proceed



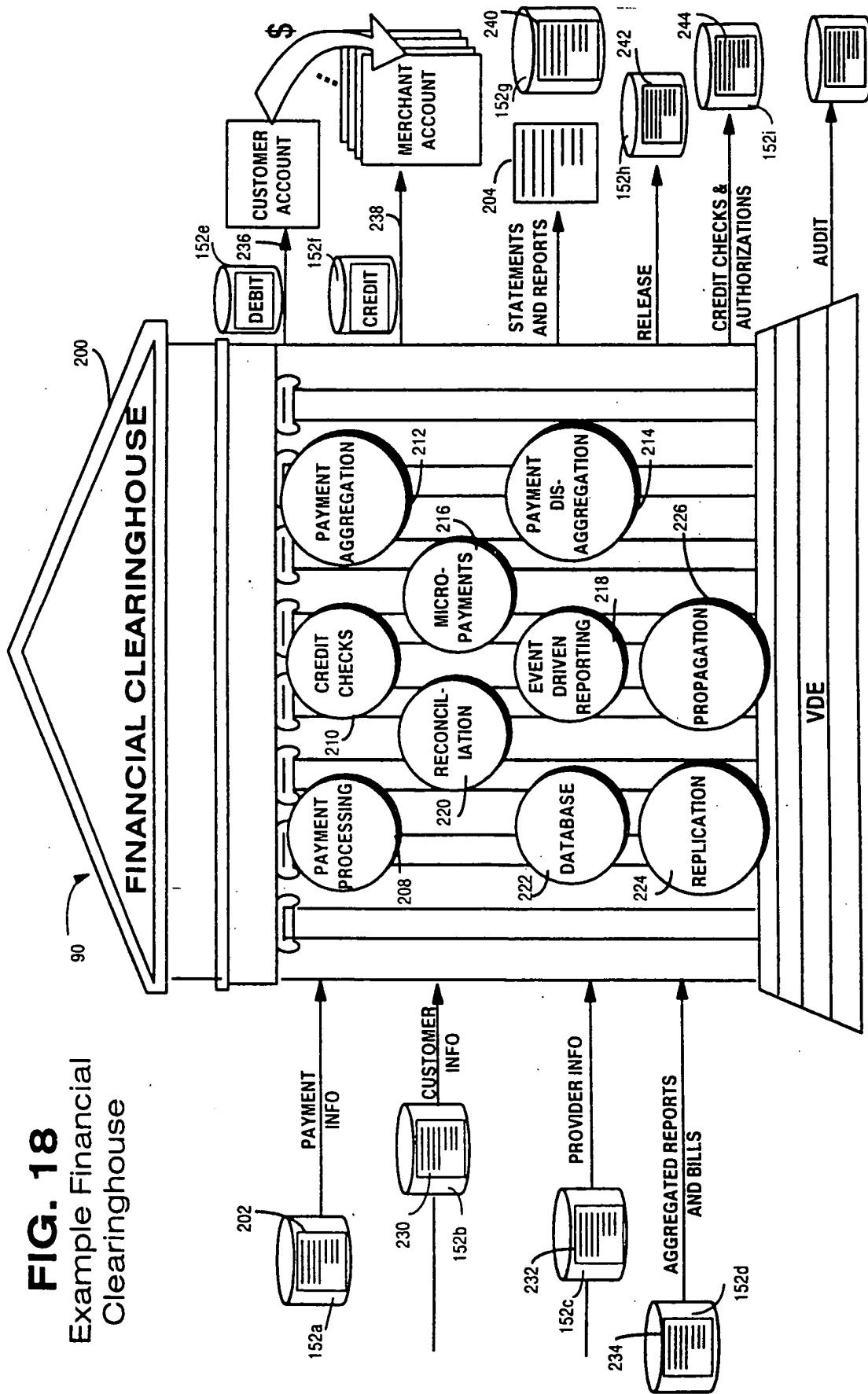
**FIG. 17E-3**  
Notification Model



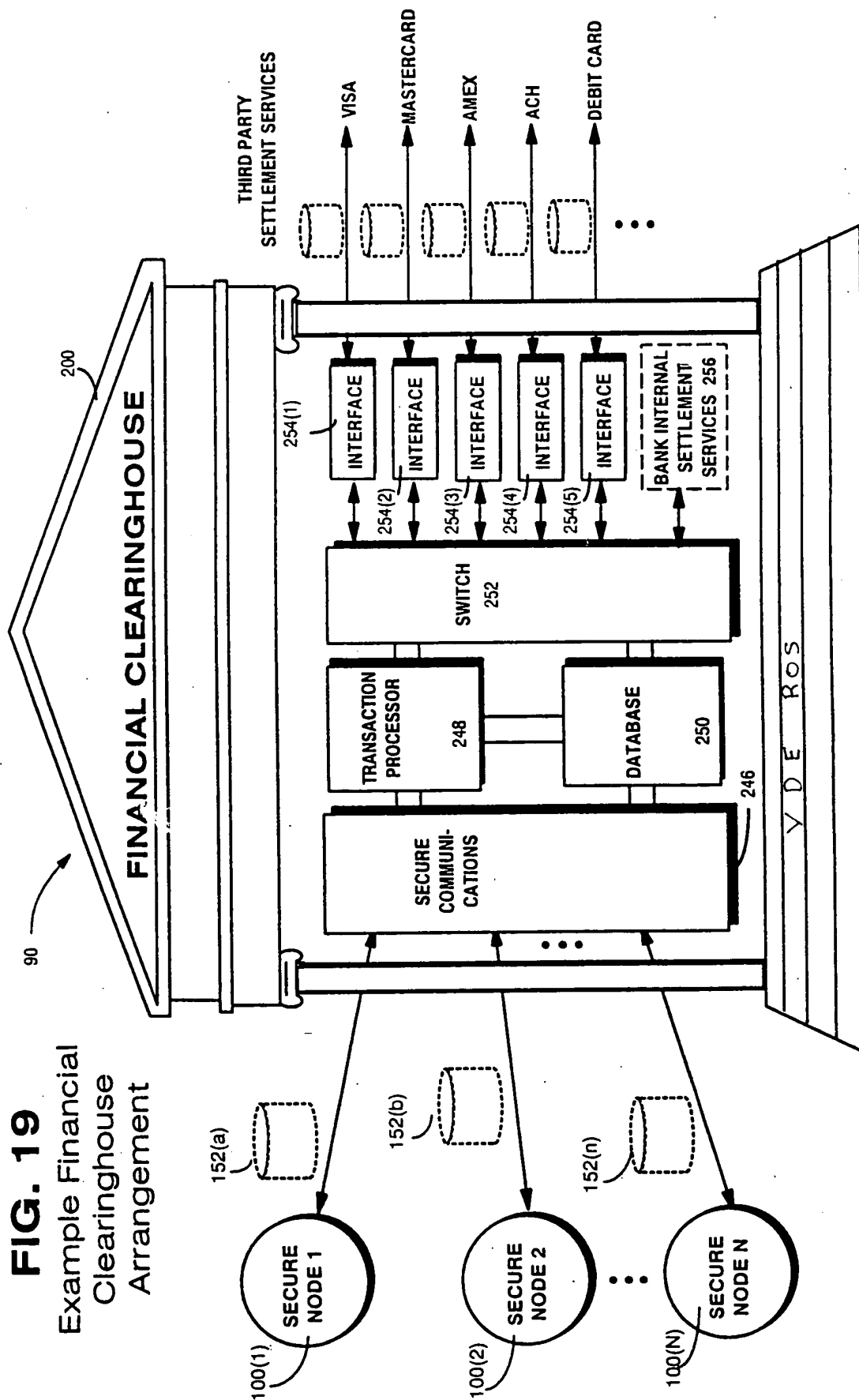
**FIG. 17E-4**  
Prior Authorization Model



**FIG. 18**  
Example Financial  
Clearinghouse



**FIG. 19**  
Example Financial  
Clearinghouse  
Arrangement



**FIG. 20** Example Financial Clearing Process

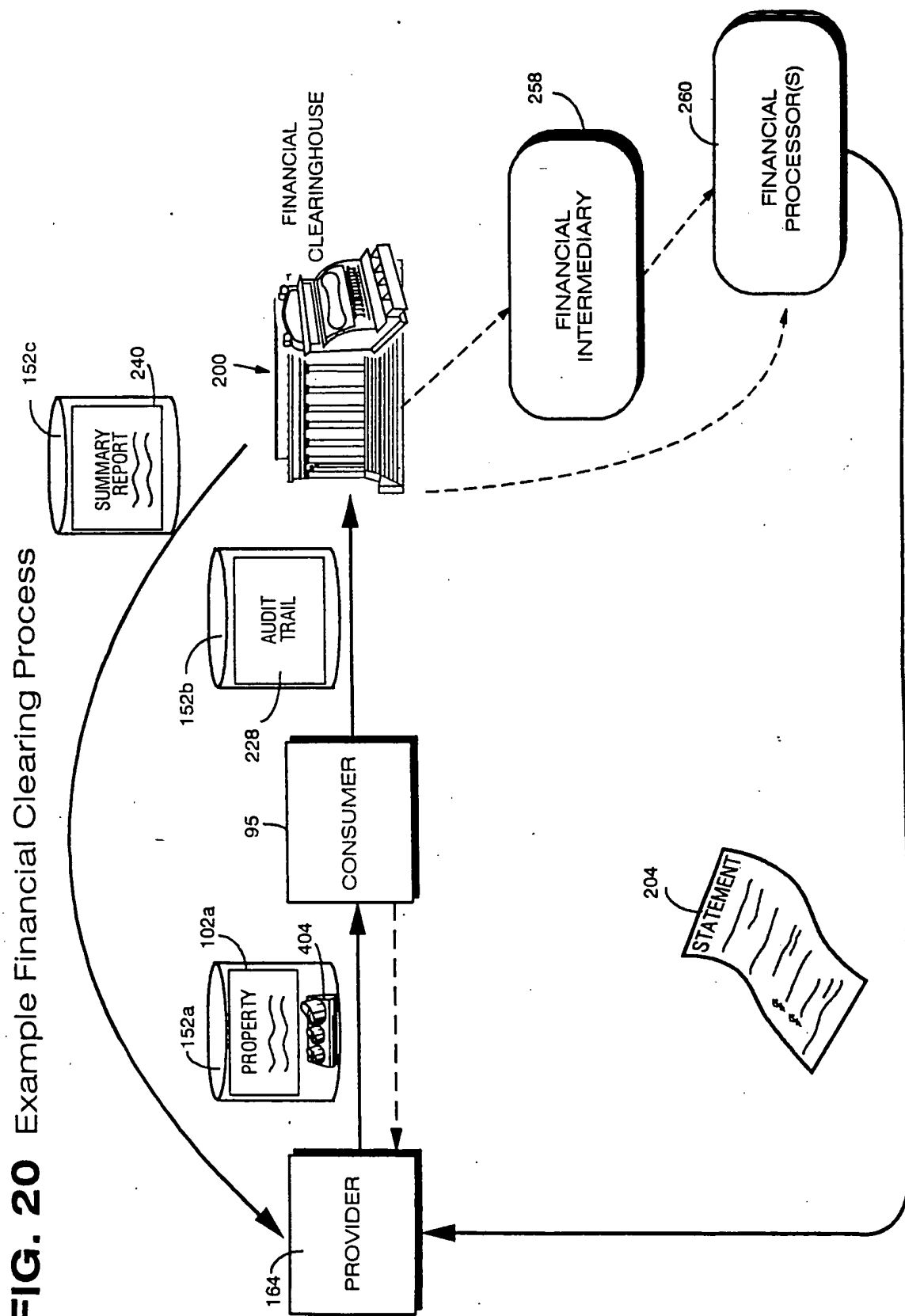


FIG. 20A

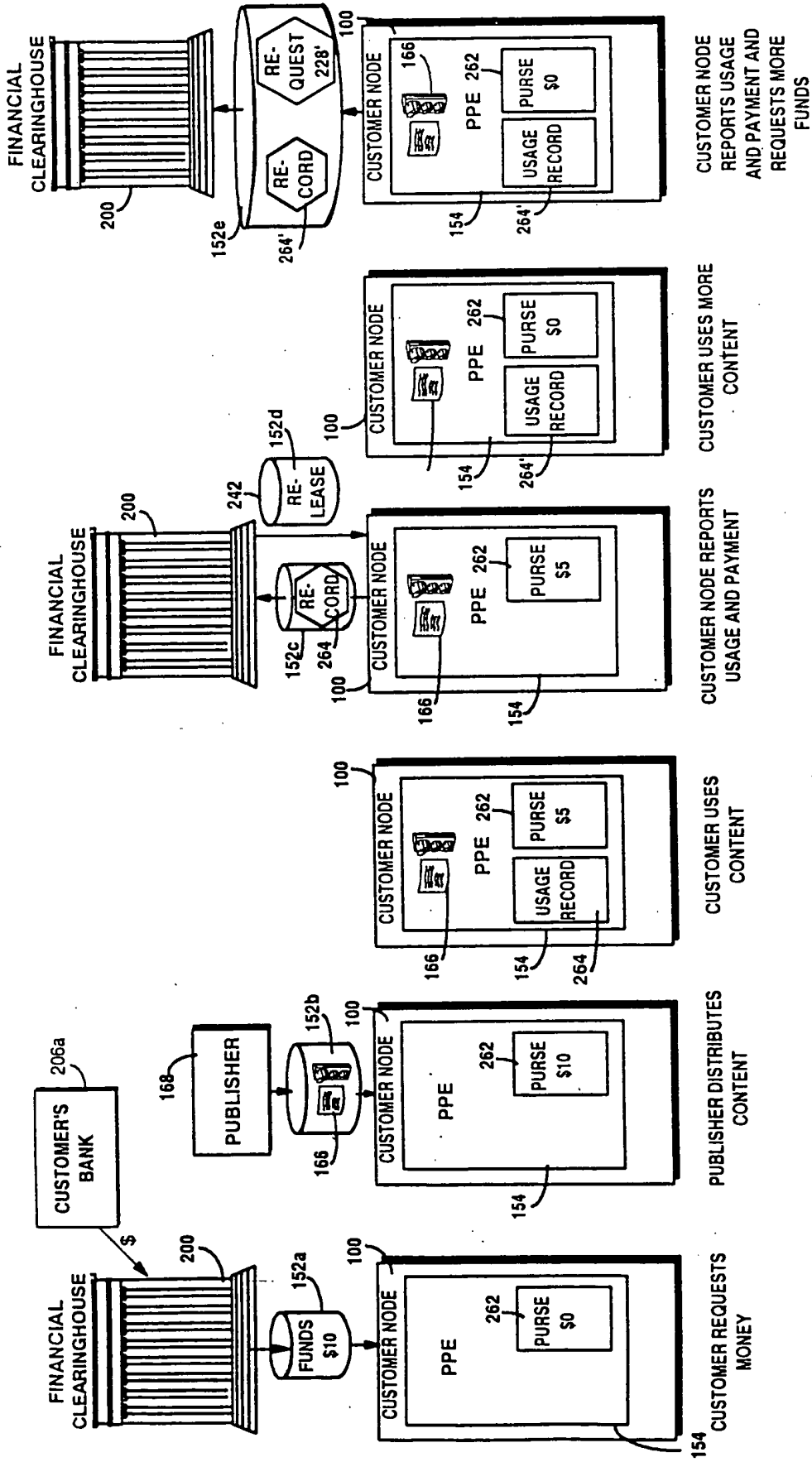


FIG. 20A FIG. 20B FIG. 20C FIG. 20D FIG. 20E FIG. 20F

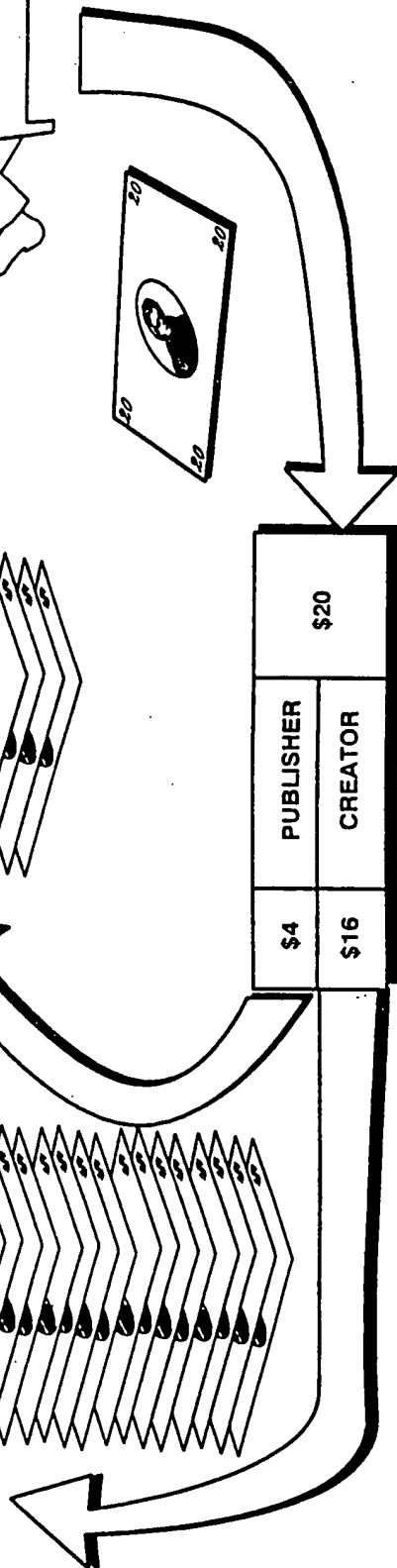
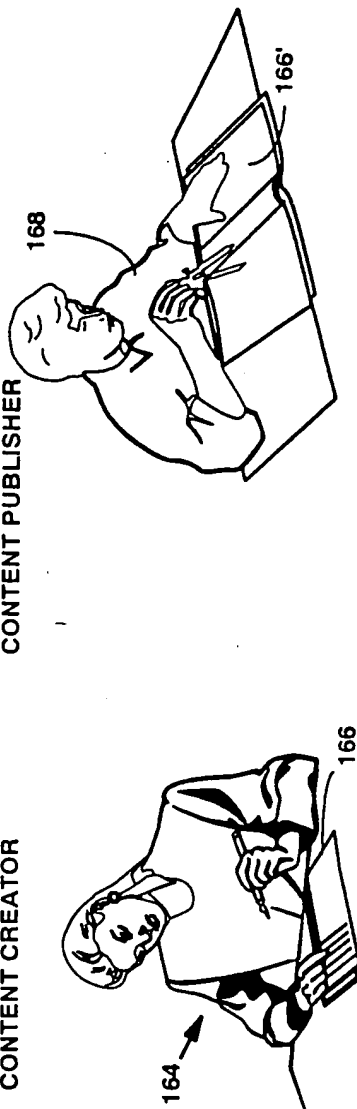
EXAMPLE FINANCIAL CLEARING ACTIVITIES



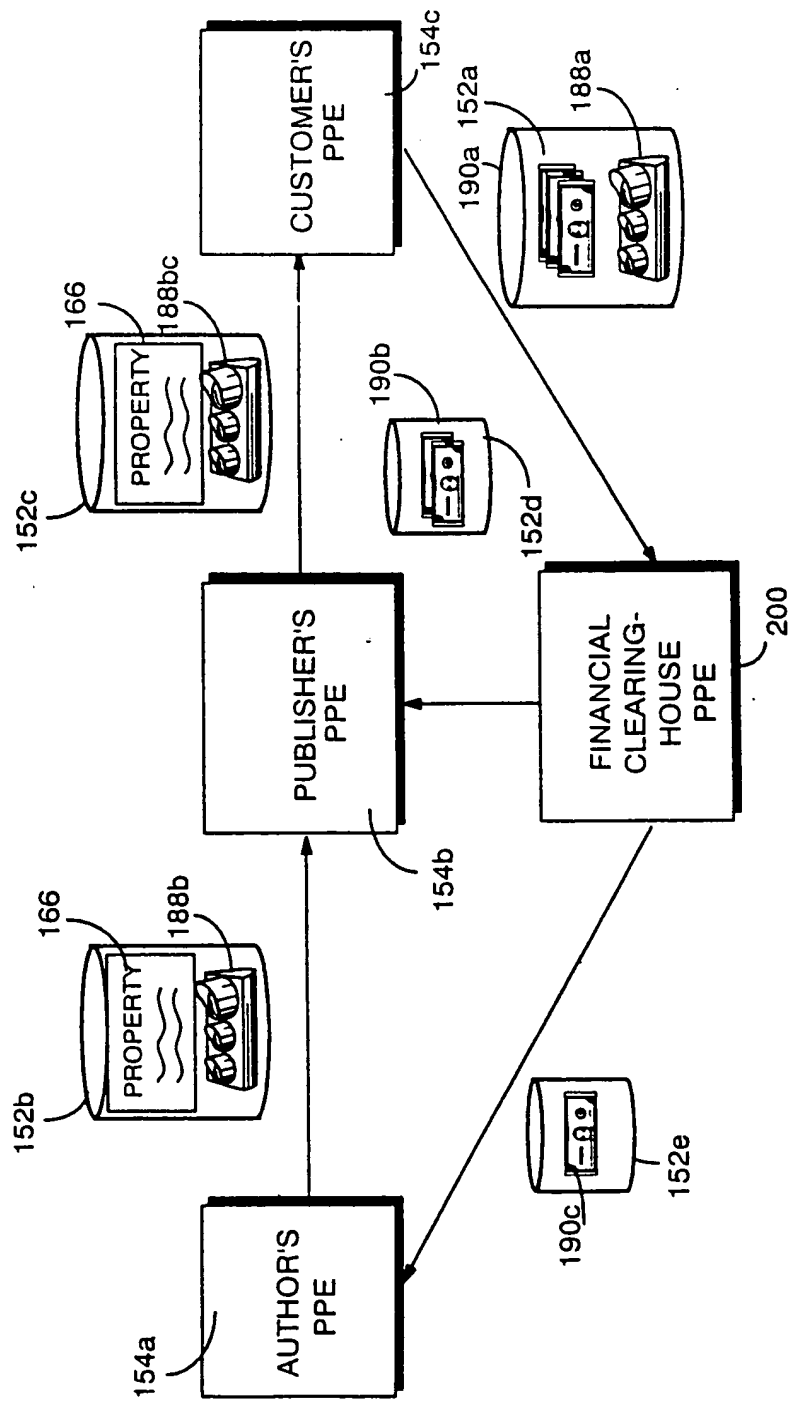
CONTENT CREATOR

CONTENT PUBLISHER

CONTENT CONSUMER



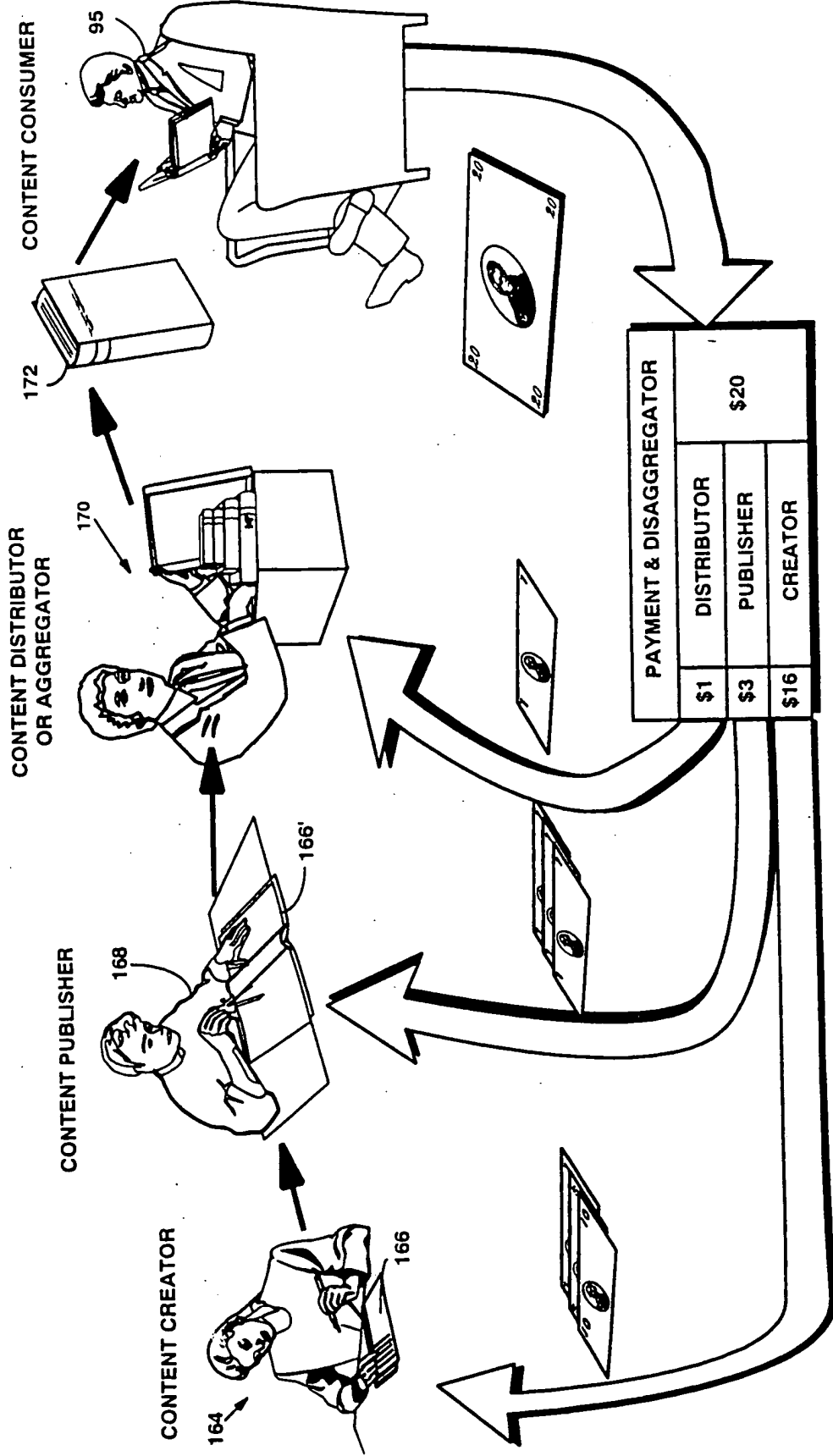
**FIG. 21** Example Payment Disaggregation



**FIG. 22** PAYMENT AND REDISTRIBUTION EXAMPLE

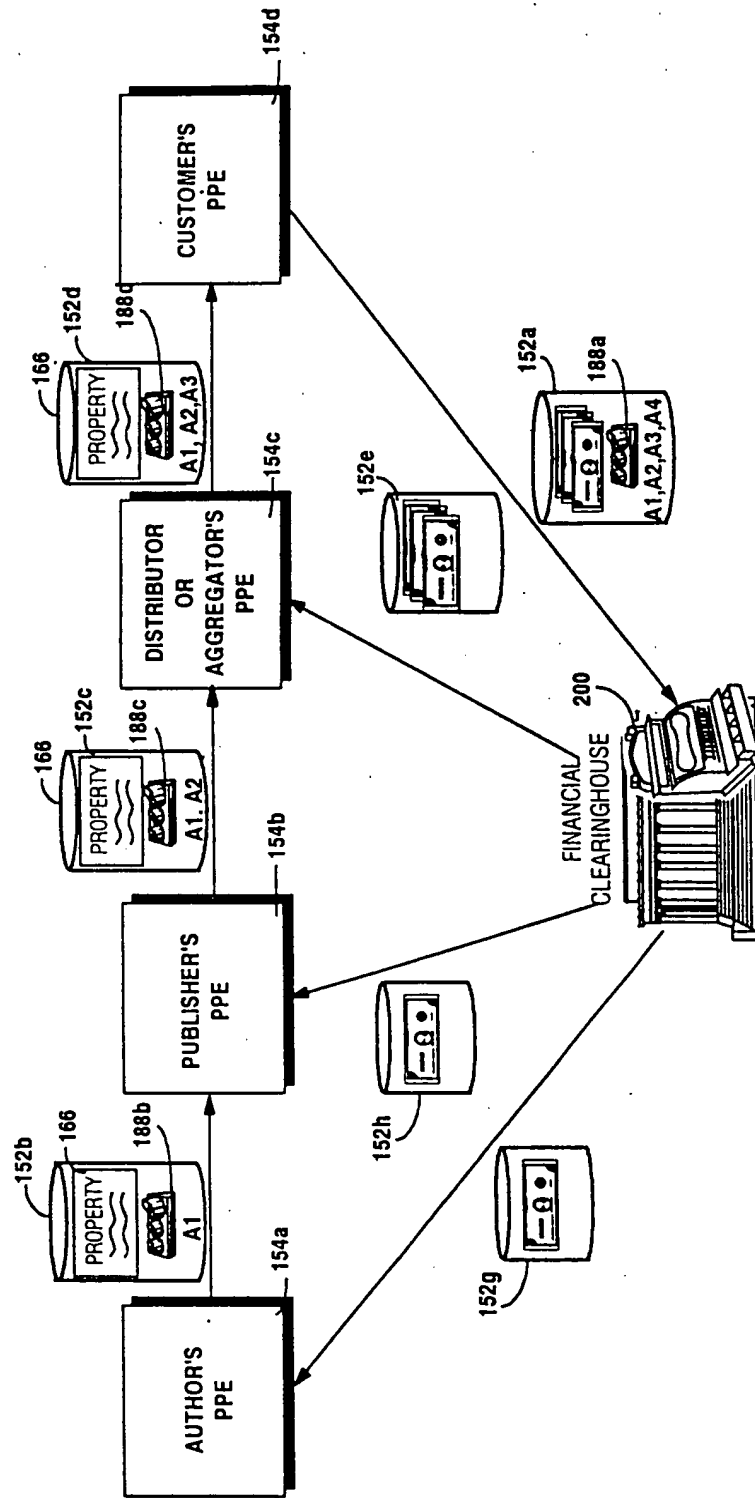


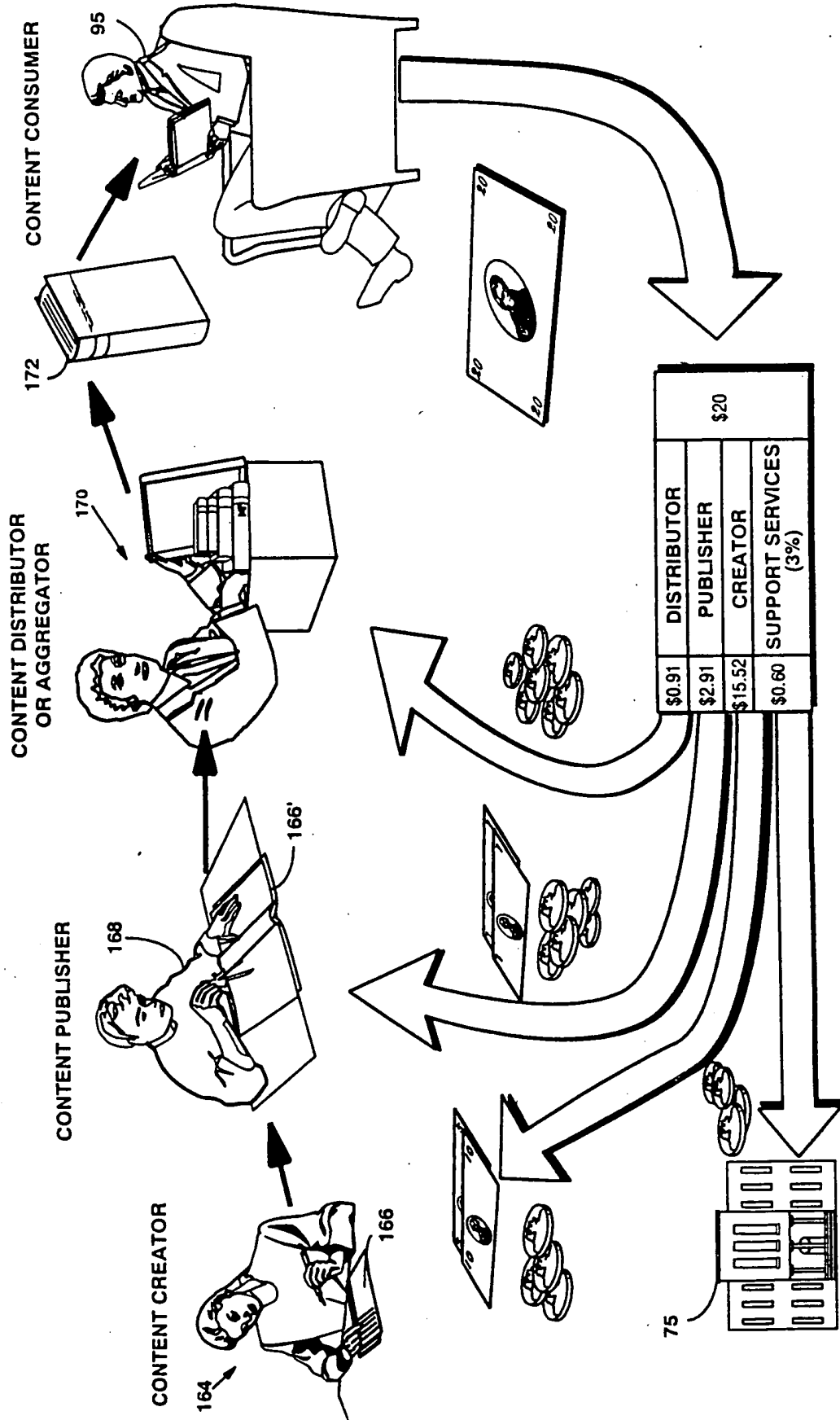
FIG. 23 is a diagram illustrating a payment disaggregation process. The diagram shows a flow of content from a Content Creator (164) to a Content Publisher (168), then to a Content Distributor or Aggregator (170), and finally to a Content Consumer (95). A Payment & Disaggregator (172) is shown receiving payment from the Content Consumer and distributing it to the Content Creator, Content Publisher, and Content Distributor. The Payment & Disaggregator is represented by a table showing the distribution of a \$20 payment: \$16 to the Creator, \$3 to the Publisher, and \$1 to the Distributor.



**FIG. 23** Payment Disaggregation

**FIG. 24**  
EXAMPLE PAYMENT  
AND REDISTRIBUTION  
SCENARIO





**FIG. 25** Example Payment Disaggregation

FIG. 26 PAYMENT DISAGGREGATION

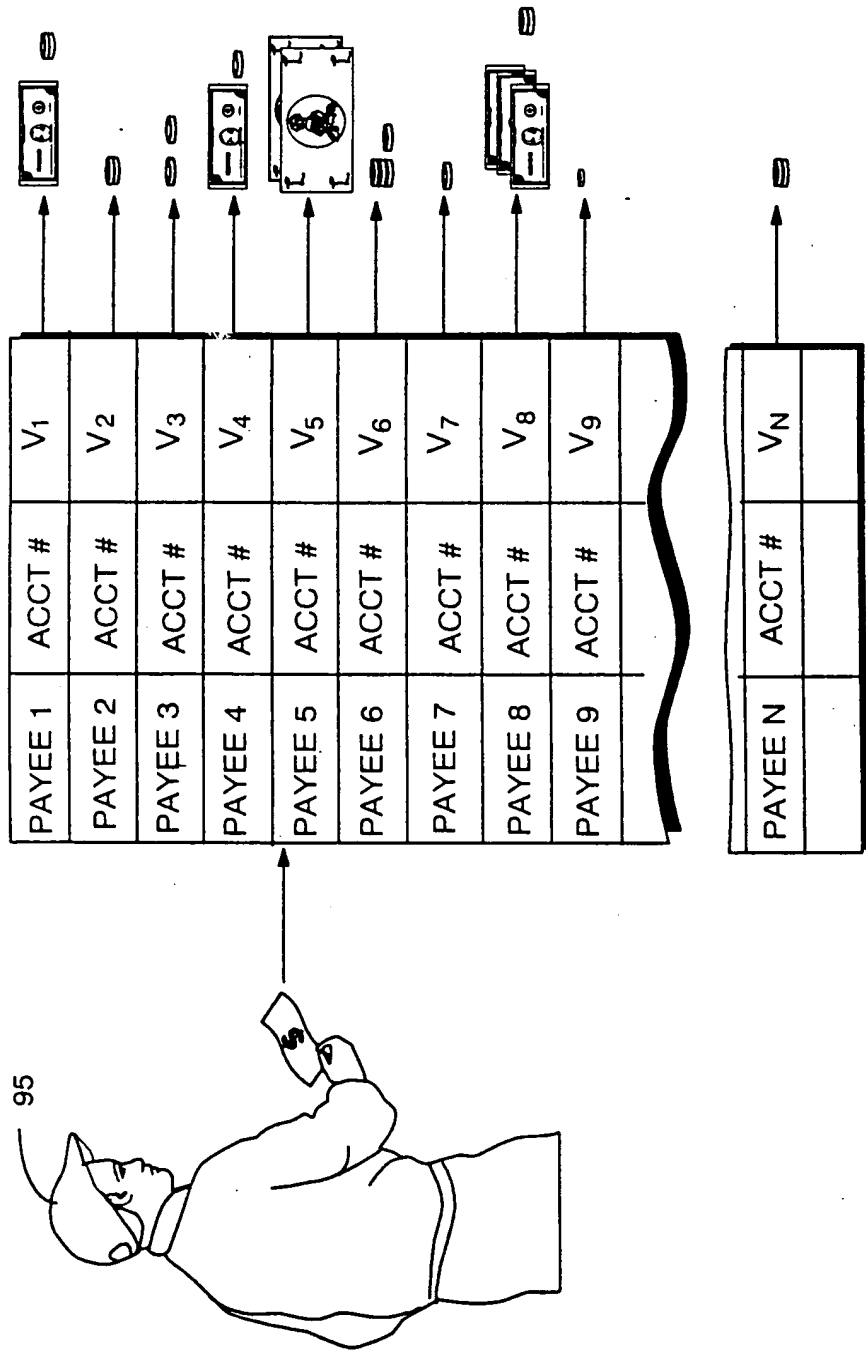
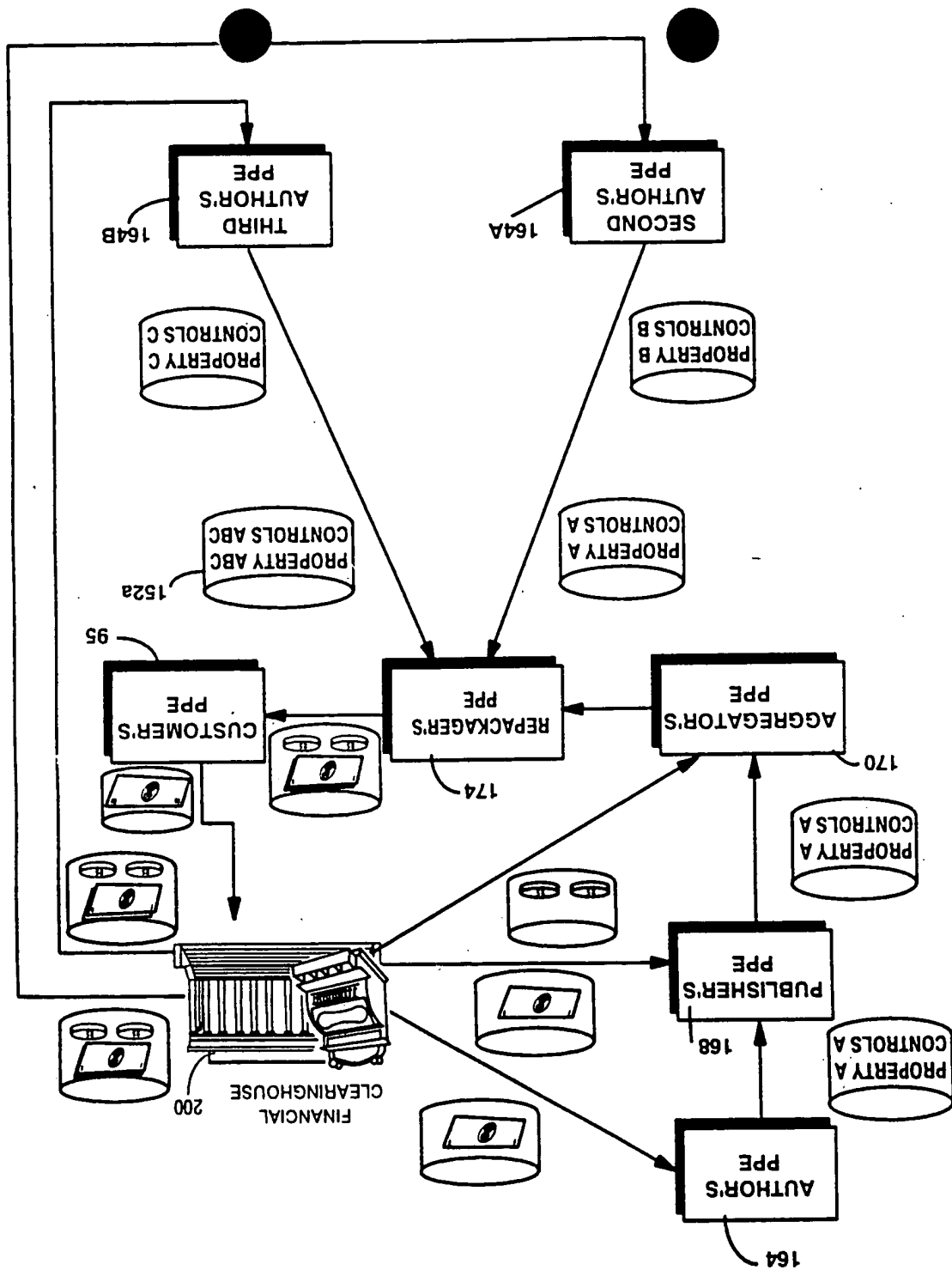


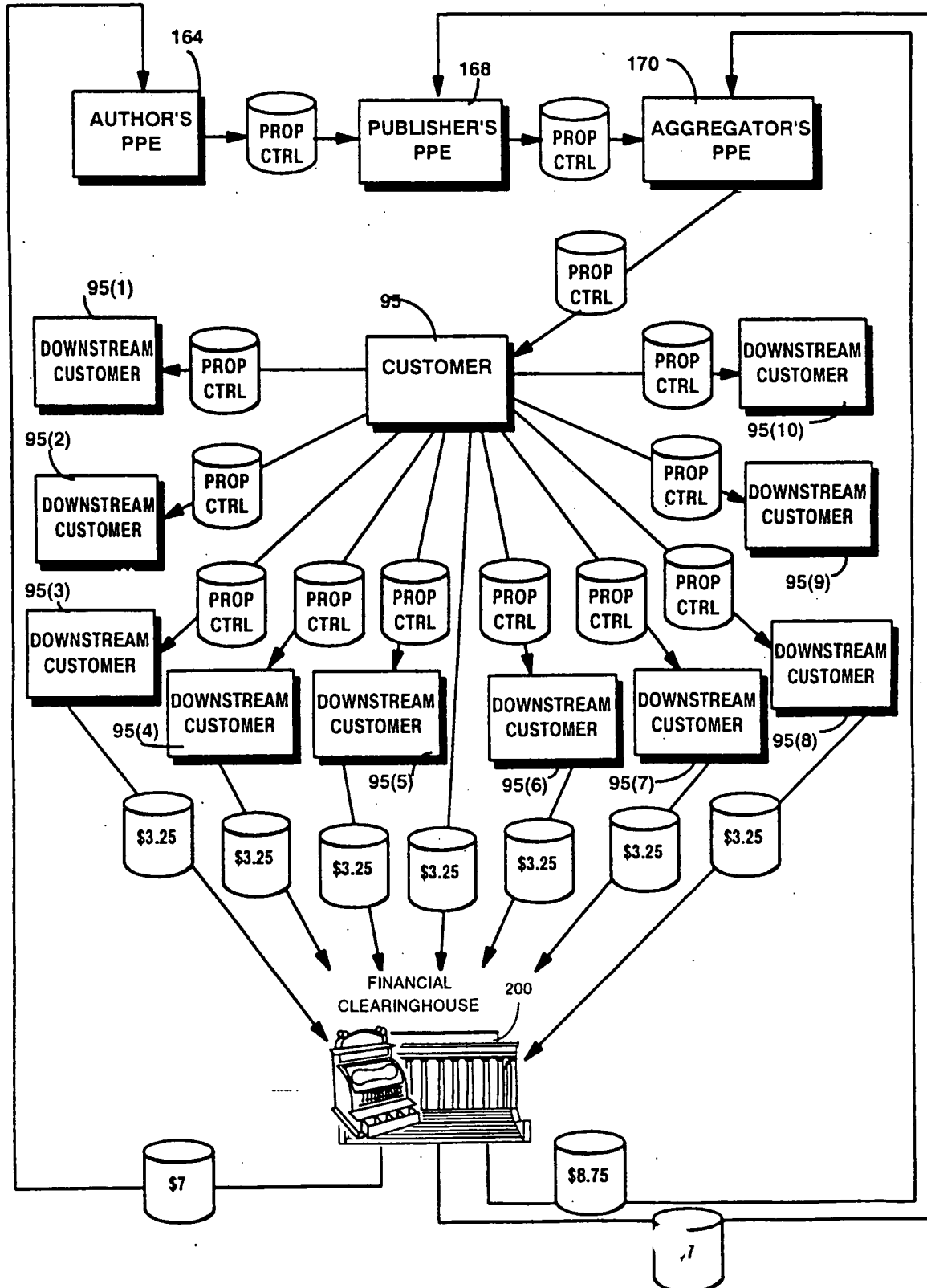
FIG. 26 PAYMENT DISAGGREGATION

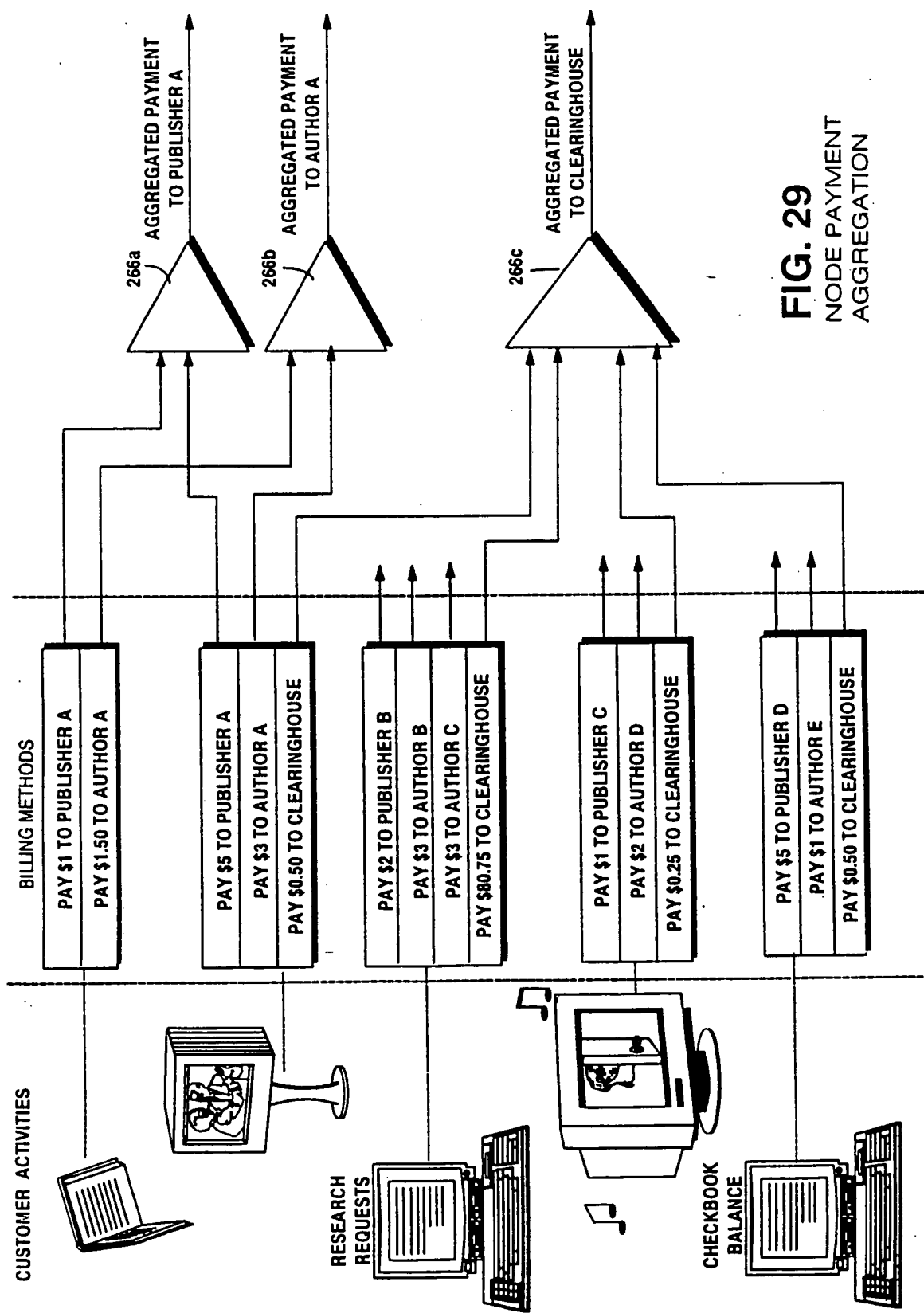
**FIG. 27**  
Example Payment and  
Redistribution Scenario



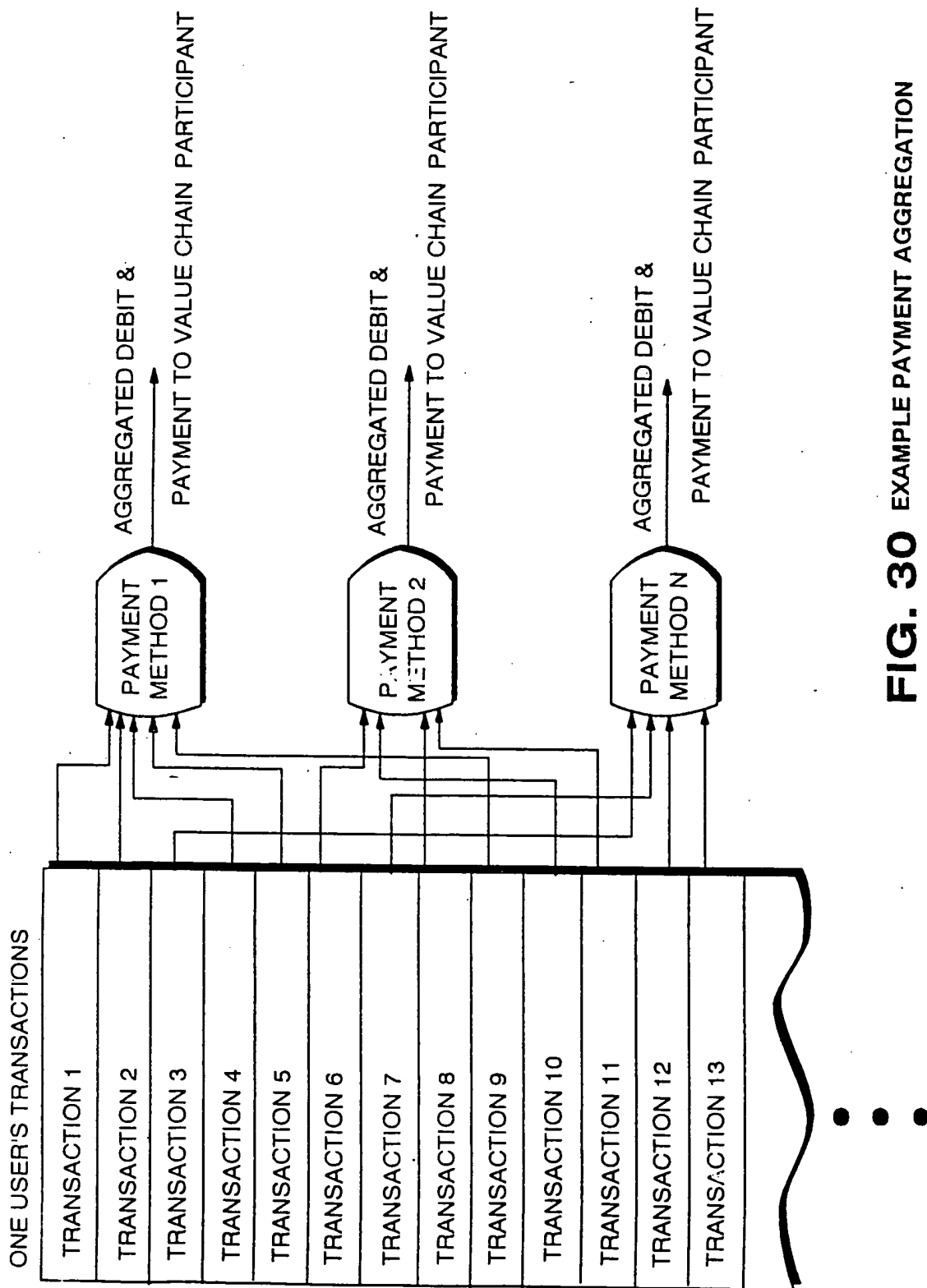


**FIG. 28** Example Super Distribution

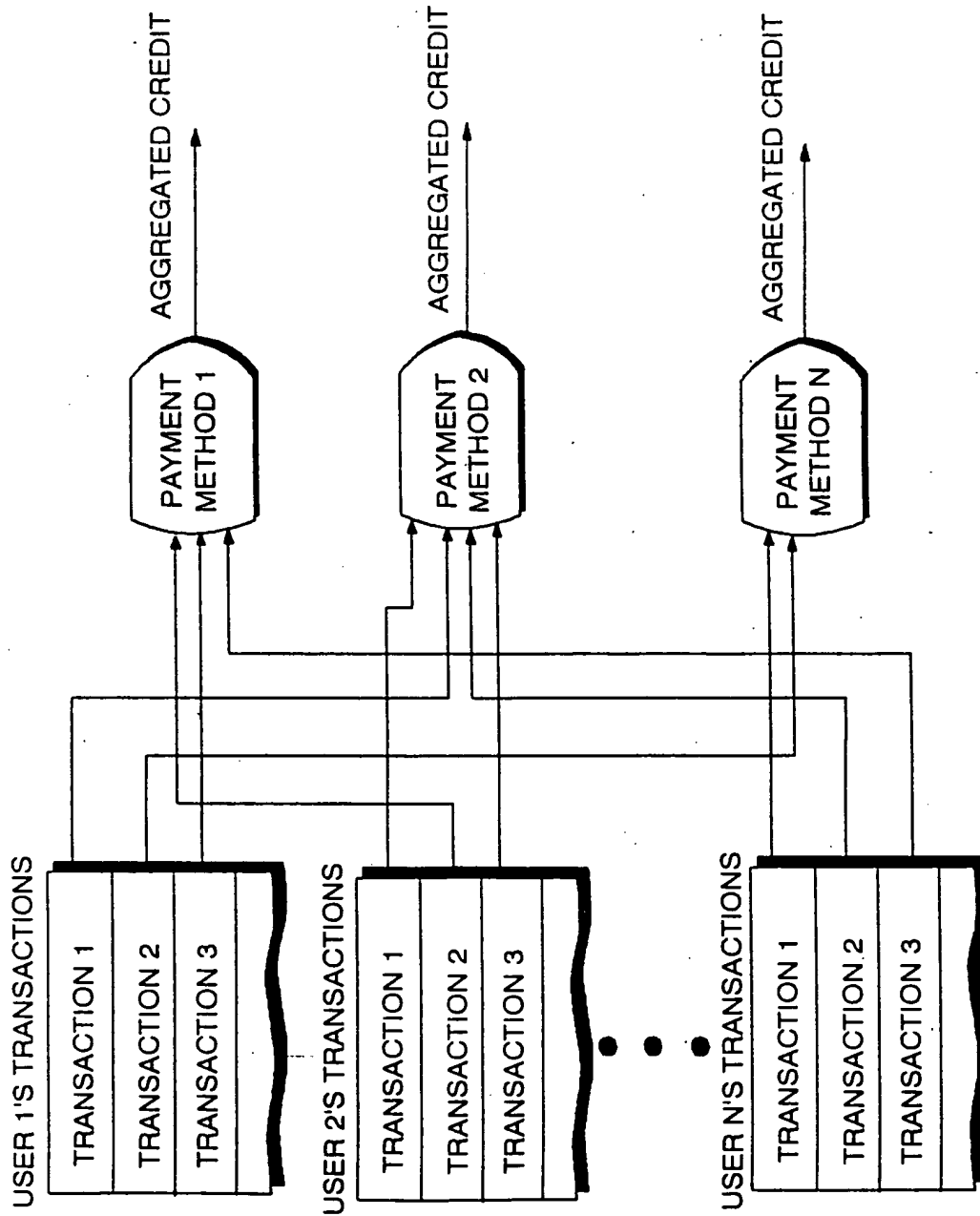




**FIG. 29**  
NODE PAYMENT  
AGGREGATION



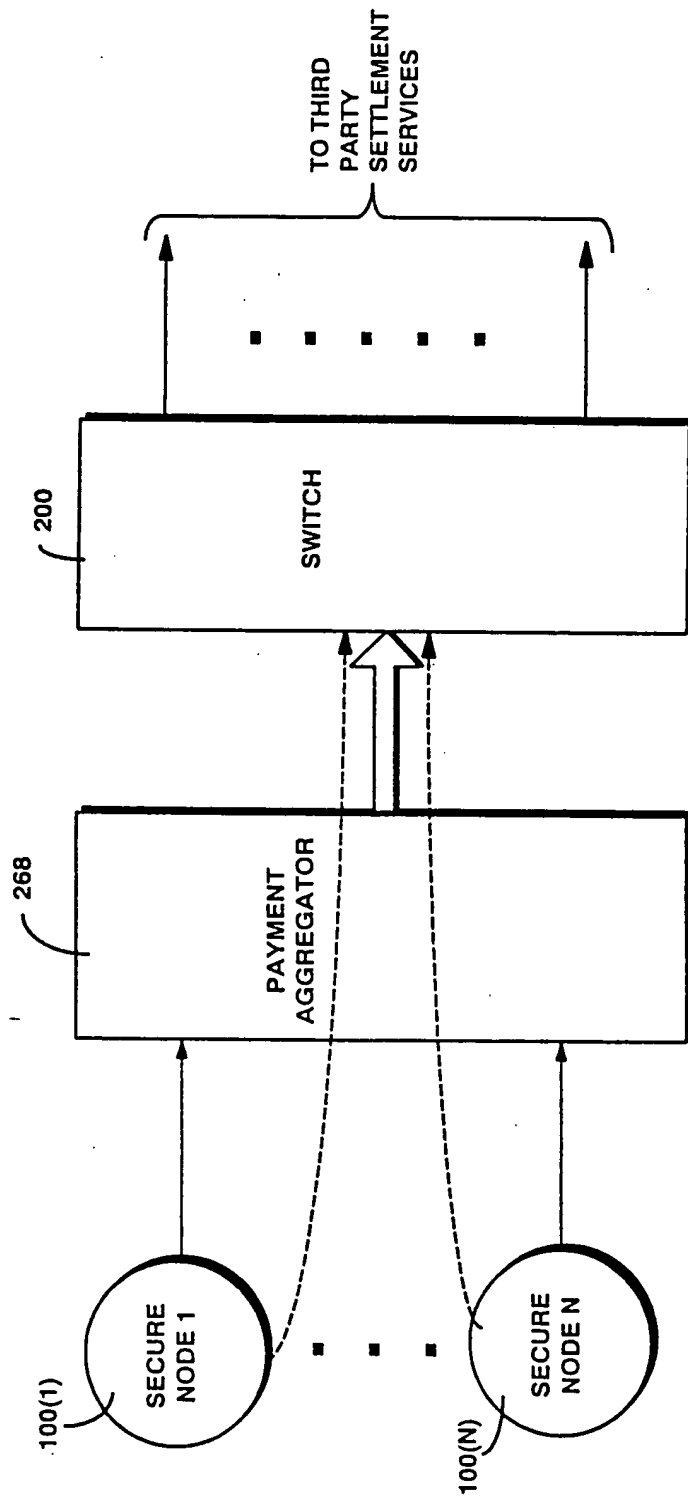
**FIG. 30** EXAMPLE PAYMENT AGGREGATION



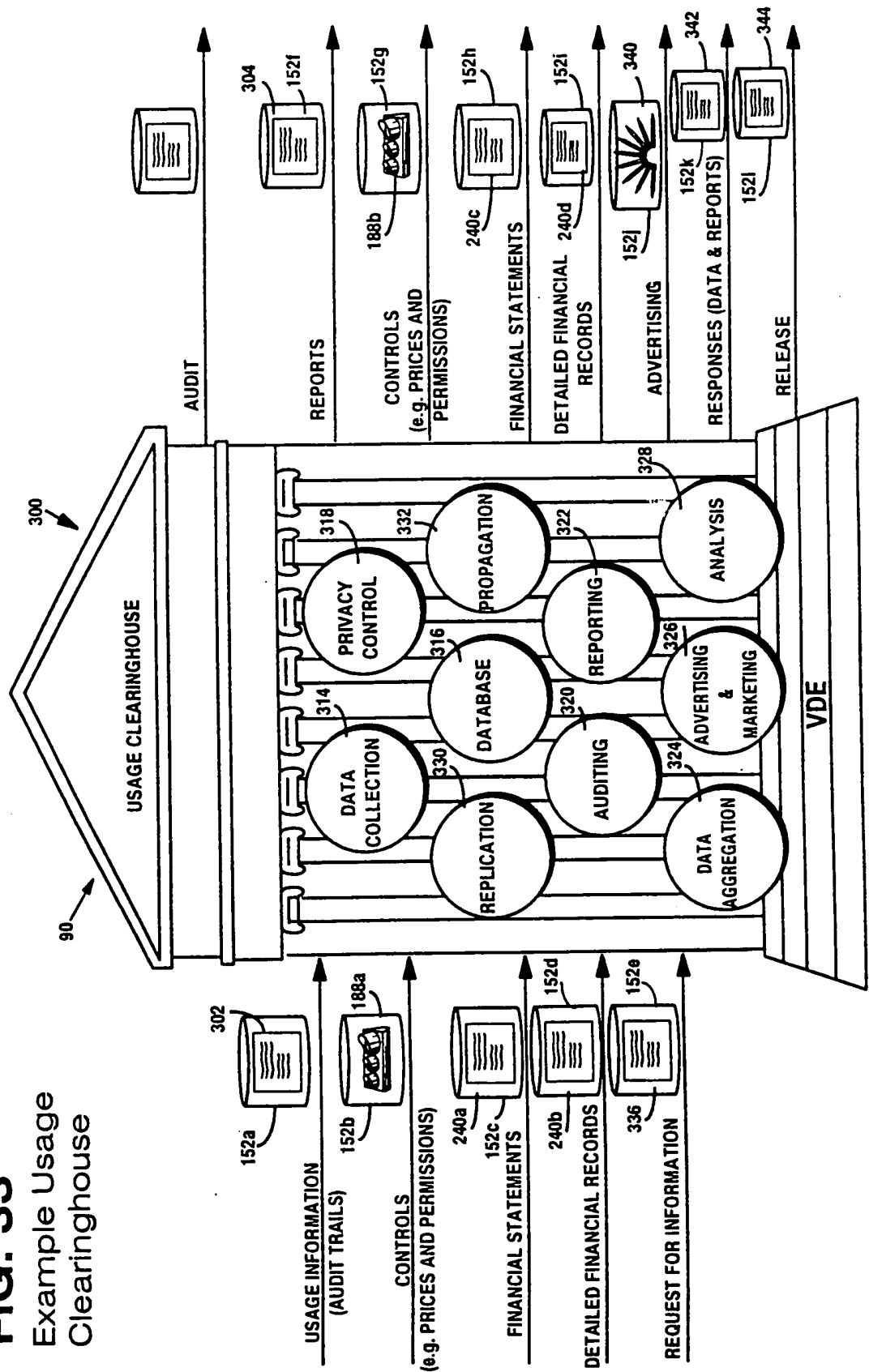
Financial Clearinghouse  
Example Payment Aggregation

**FIG. 31**

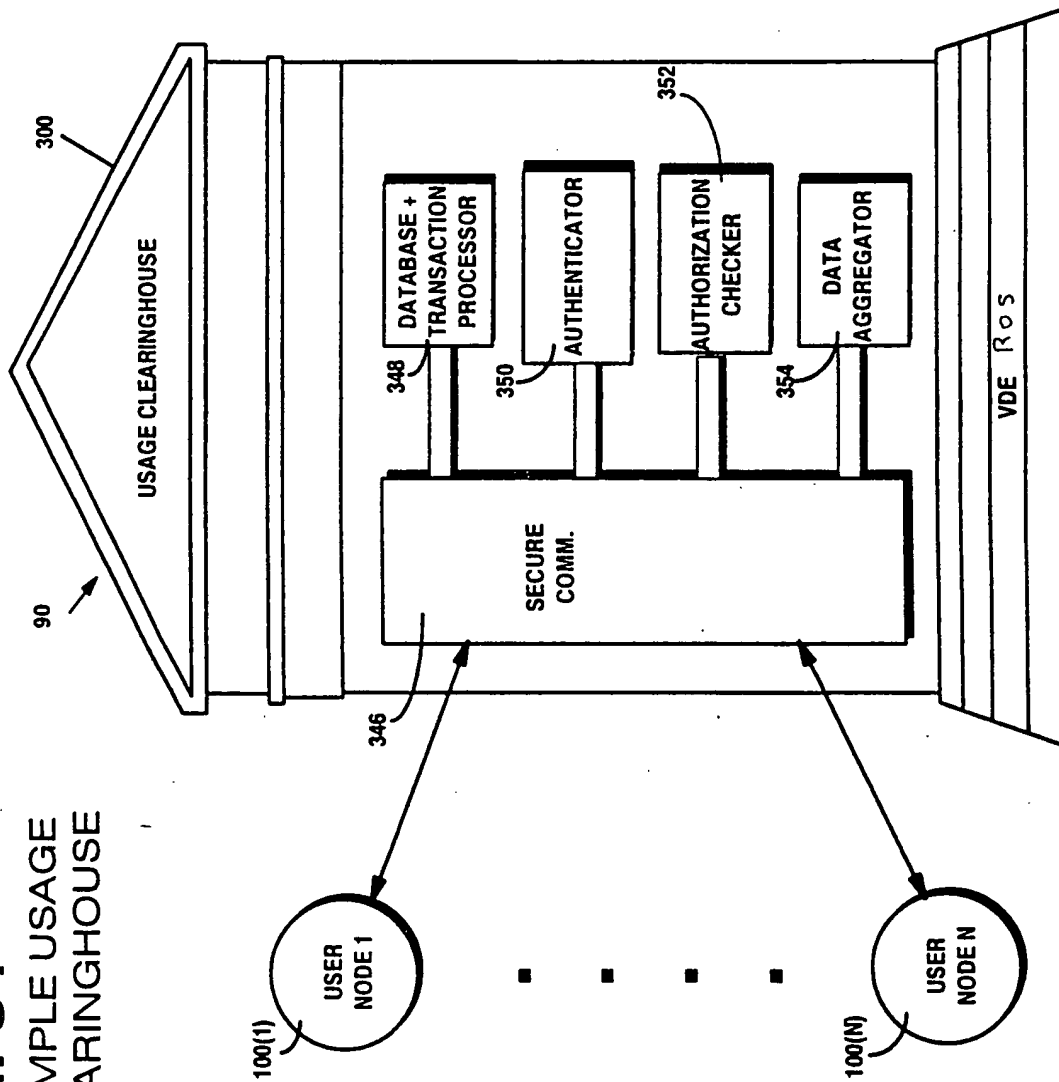
**FIG. 32** EXAMPLE FINANCIAL CLEARINGHOUSE ARRANGEMENT



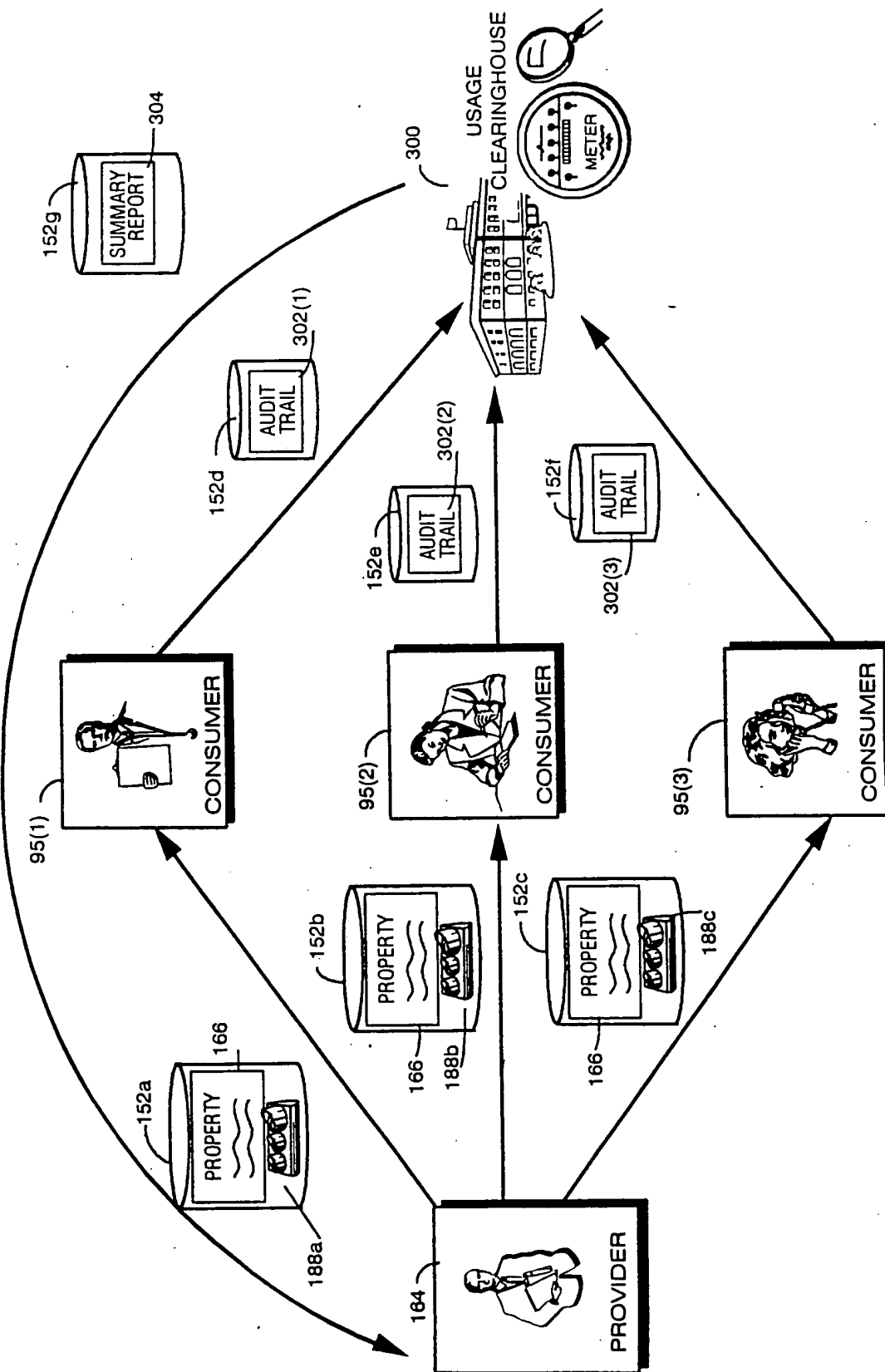
**FIG. 33**  
Example Usage  
Clearinghouse



**FIG. 34**  
EXAMPLE USAGE  
CLEARINGHOUSE

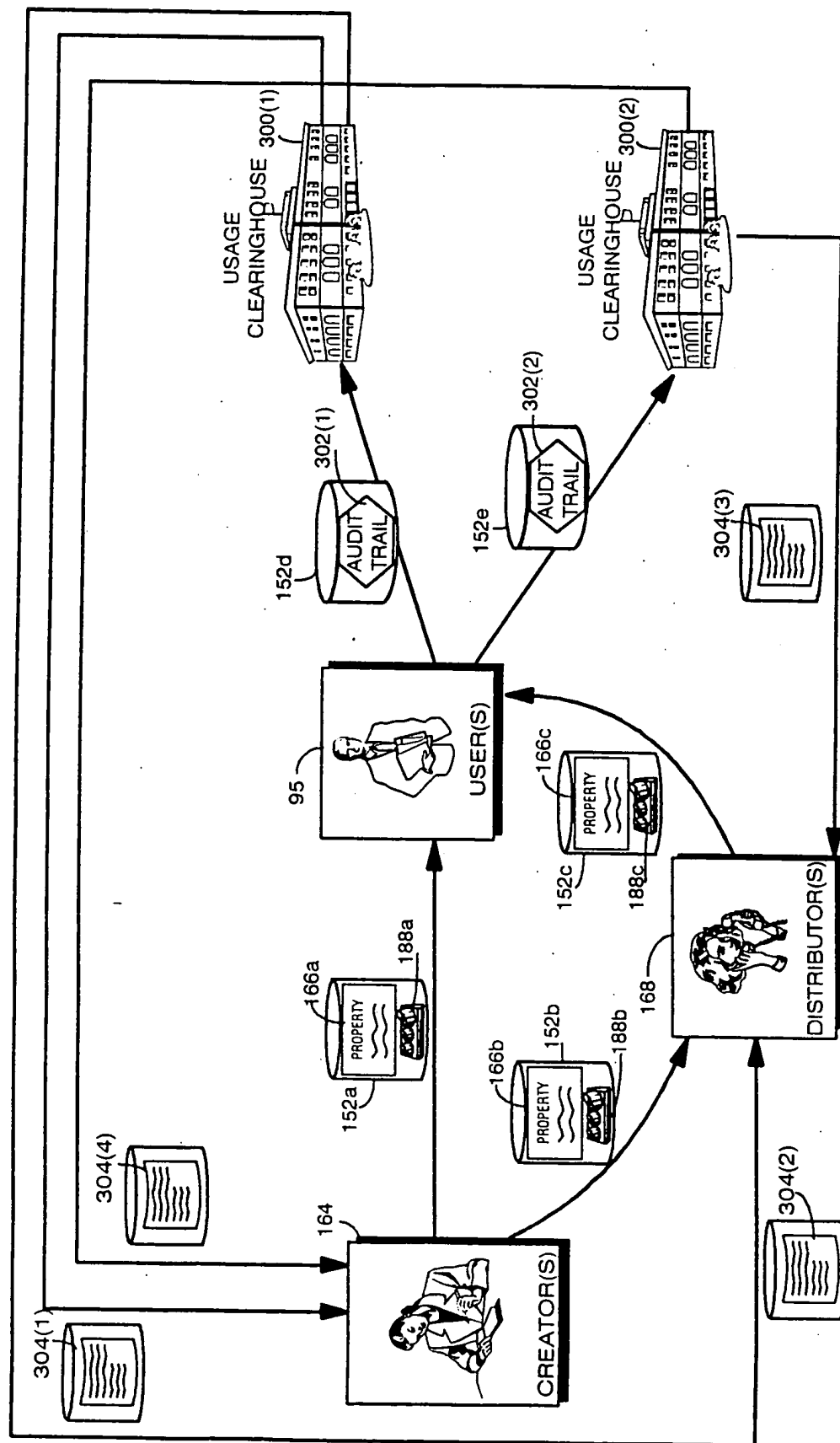


**FIG. 35** Example Usage Clearing Process

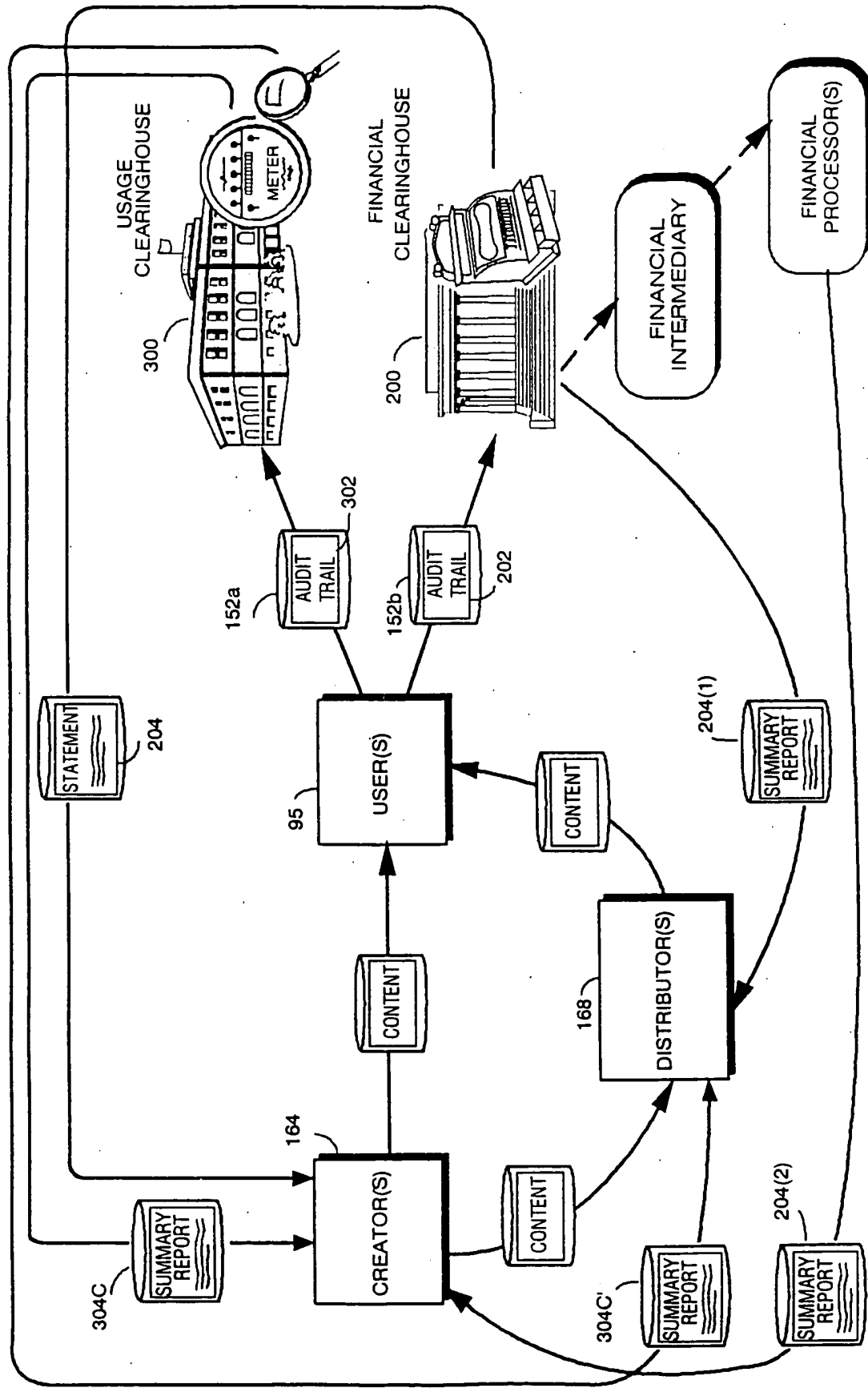




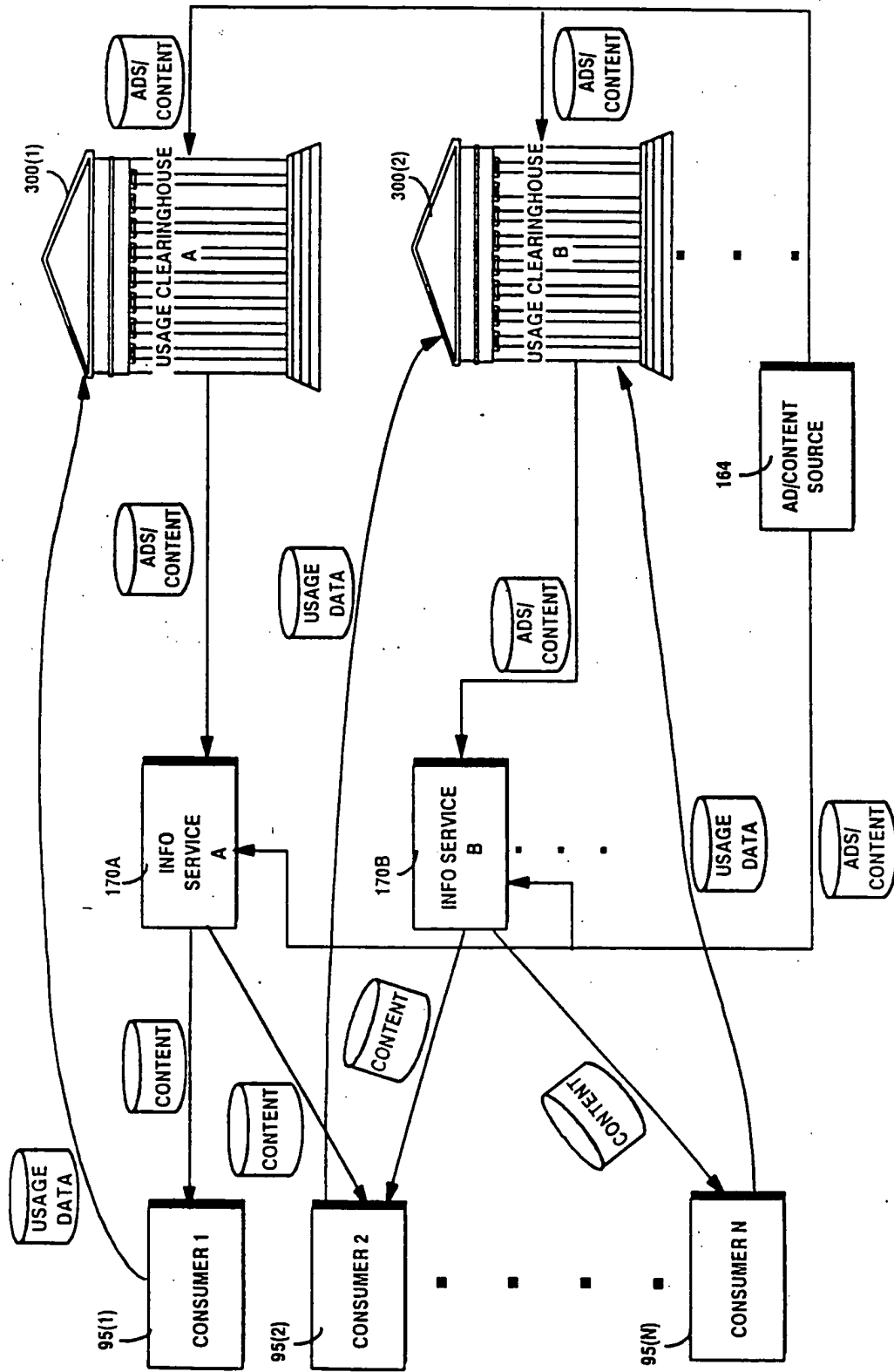
**FIG. 36** Example Usage Clearing Process



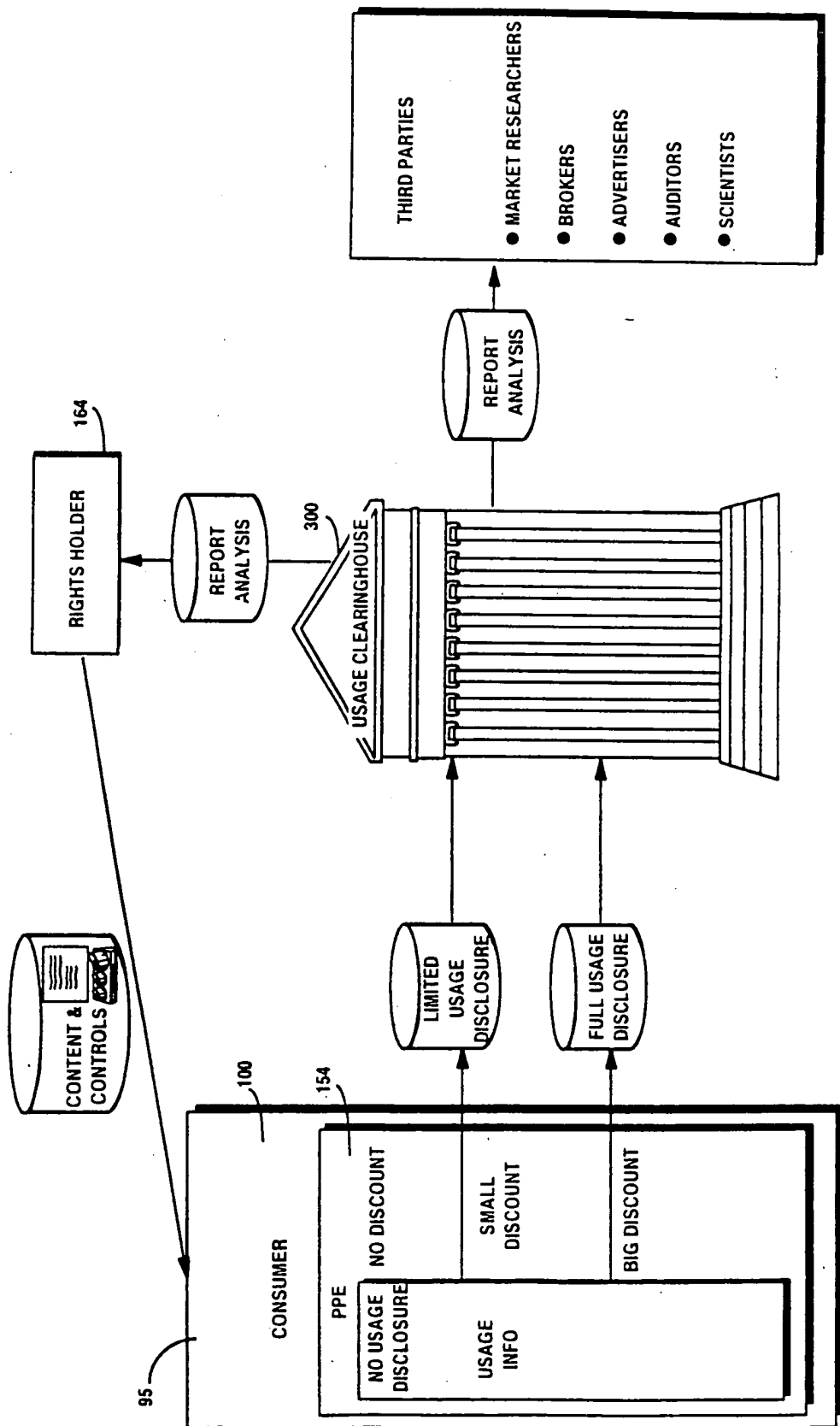
**FIG. 37** Example Financial & Usage Clearinghouse Process



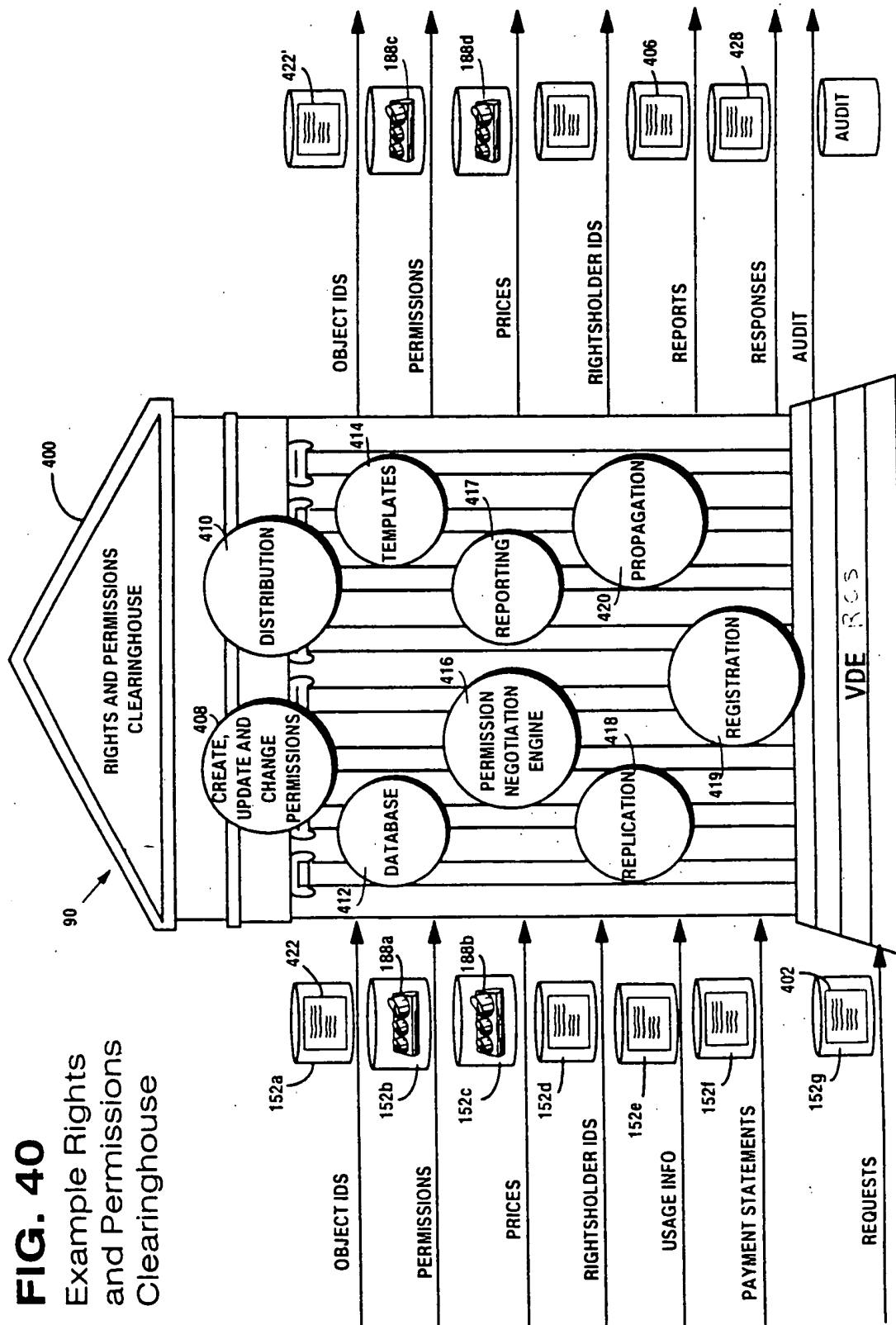
**FIG. 38** EXAMPLE USAGE CLEARINGHOUSE MEDIA PLACEMENT



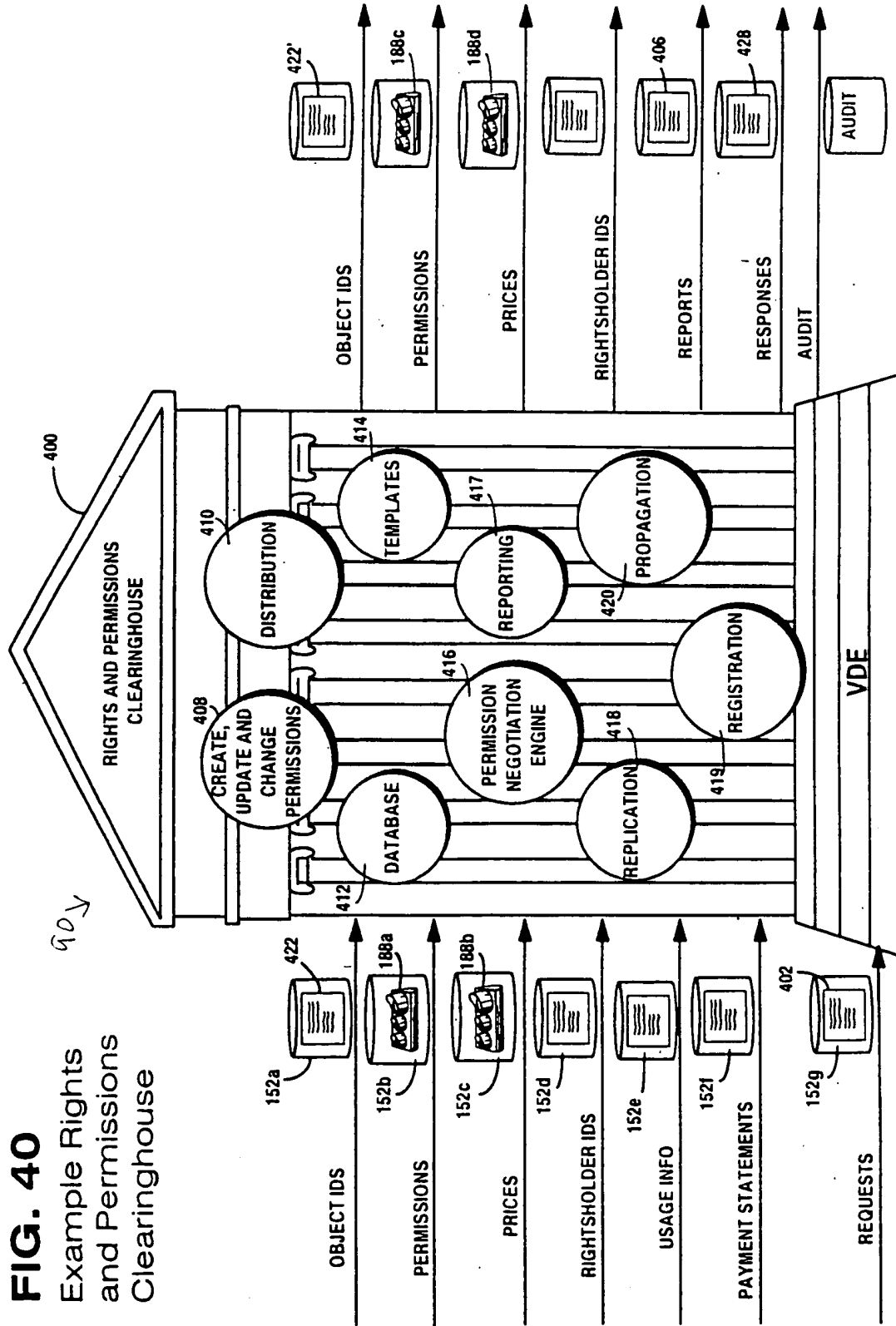
**FIG. 39**  
**EXAMPLE USAGE CLEARINGHOUSE**  
**DISCOUNTS BASED ON DISCLOSURE**



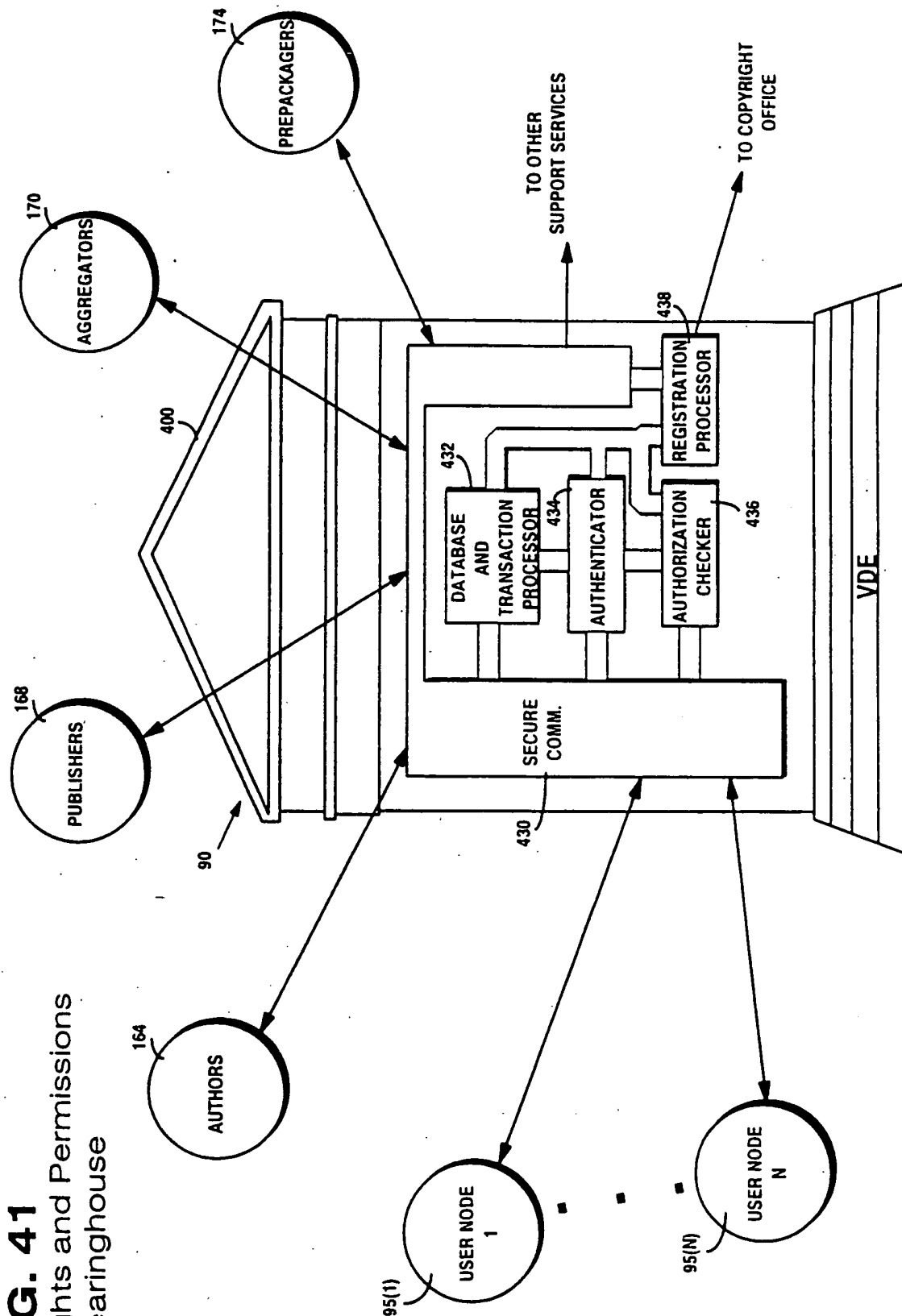
**FIG. 40**  
Example Rights and Permissions  
and Permissions  
Clearinghouse



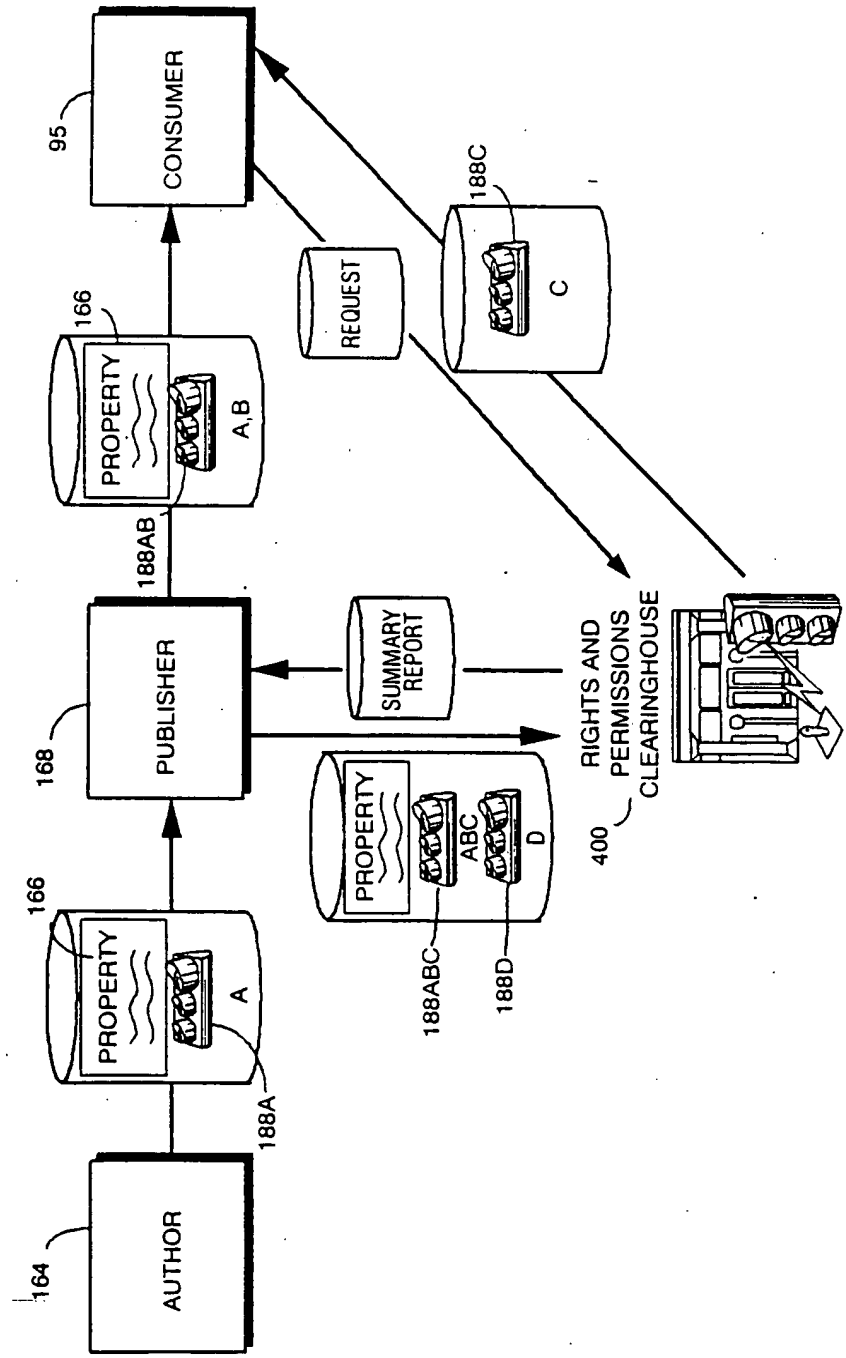
**FIG. 40**  
Example Rights  
and Permissions  
Clearinghouse



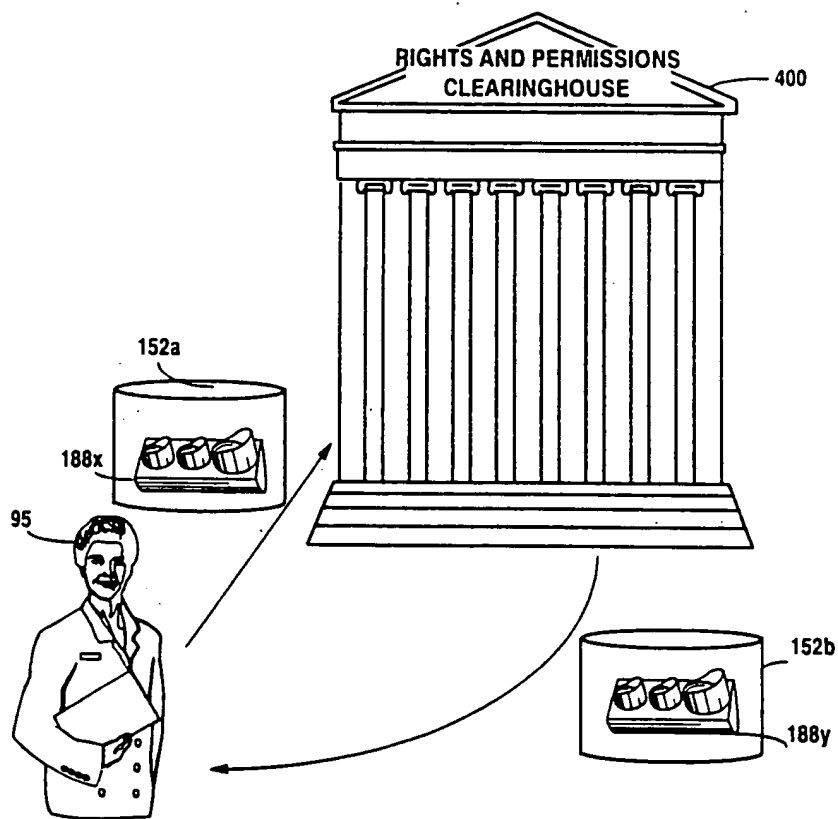
**FIG. 41**  
Rights and Permissions  
Clearinghouse



**FIG. 42** Example Rights & Permissions Clearinghouse Process



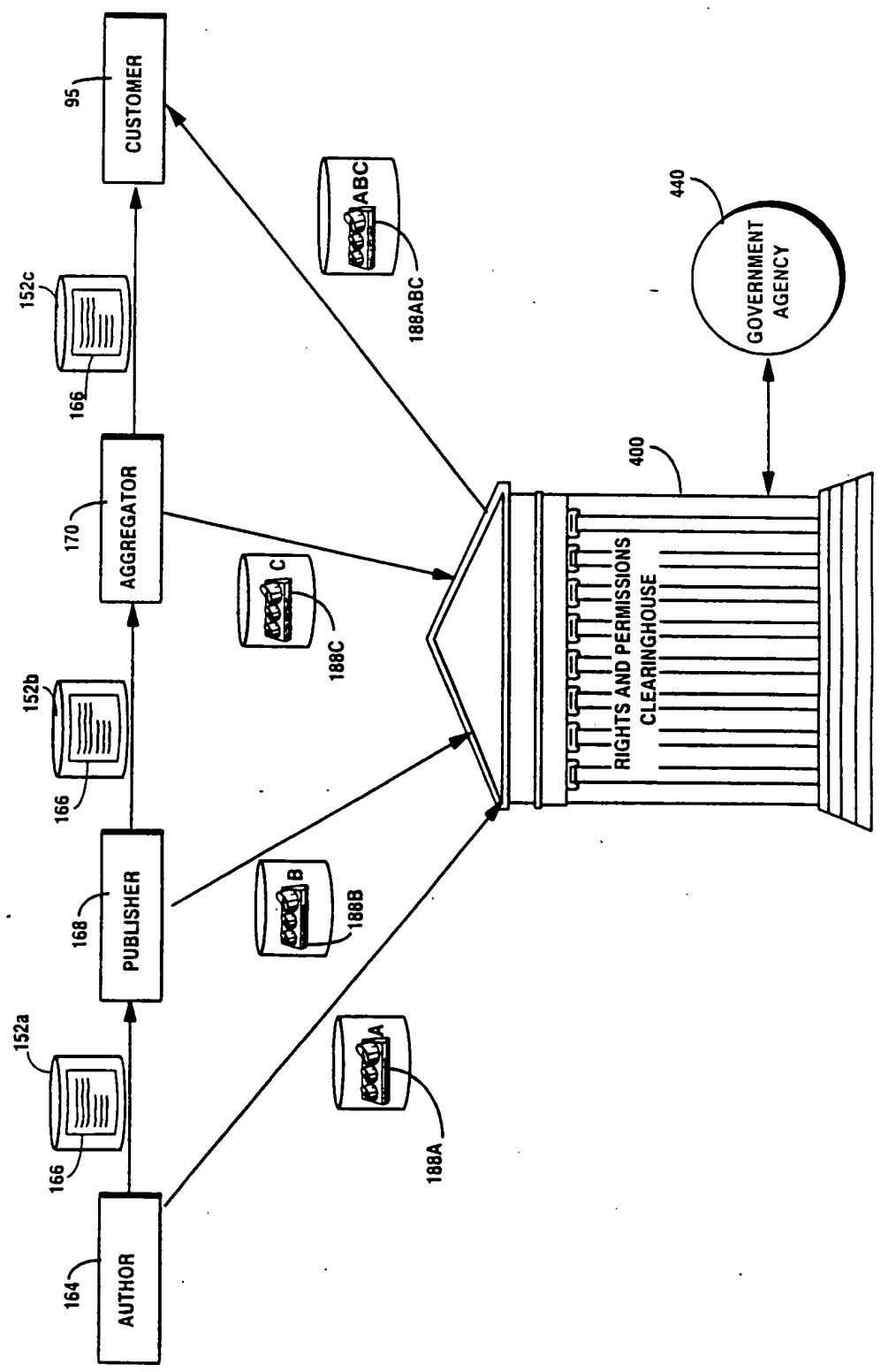


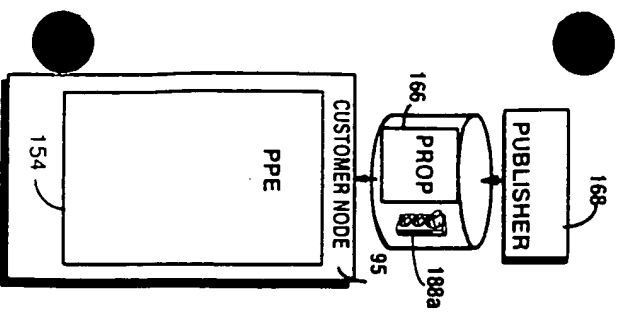


**FIG. 42A**

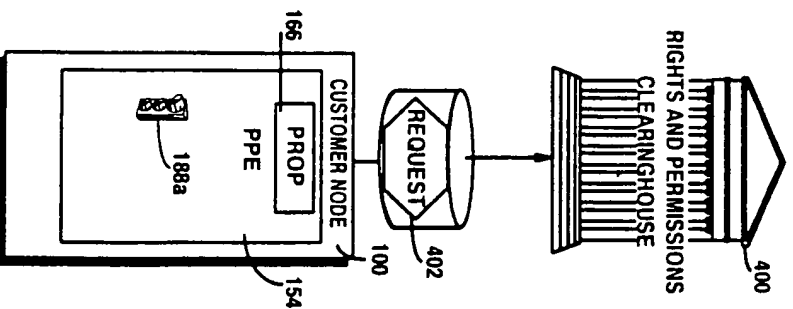
Consumer Registers Control Set  
To Request Updates

**FIG. 43** EXAMPLE RIGHTS AND PERMISSIONS VALUE CHAIN

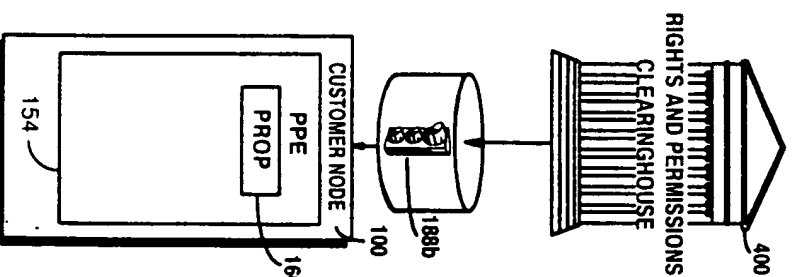




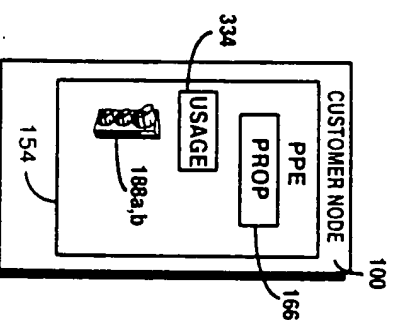
**FIG. 44A**  
Customer  
Receives  
Property



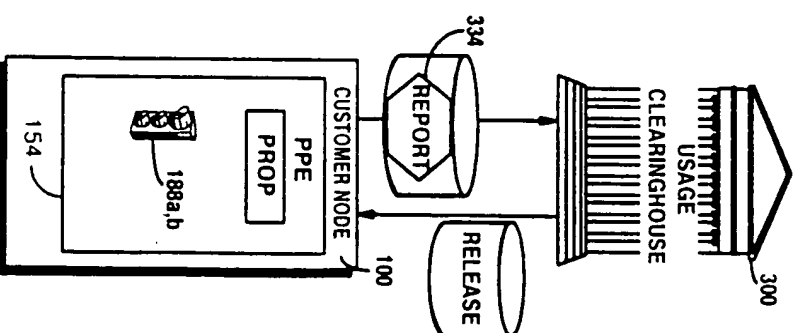
**FIG. 44B**  
Customer  
Requests Rights  
To Use Property



**FIG. 44C**  
Rights and  
Permissions  
Clearinghouse  
Provides Rights  
To Customer



**FIG. 44D**  
Customer  
Uses Property  
In Accordance  
With Rights

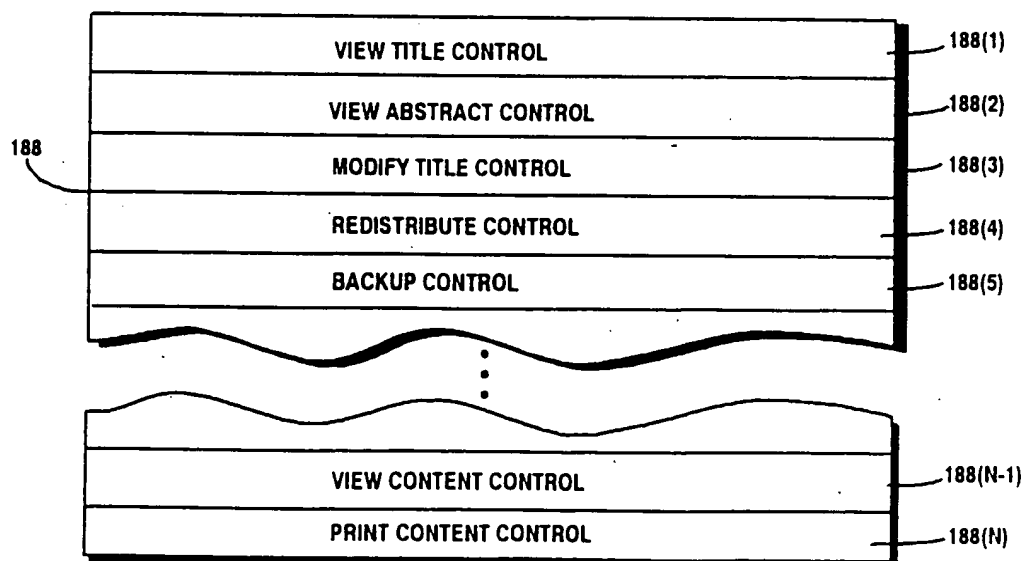


**FIG. 44E**  
Customer  
Node Reports  
Aspects Of  
Usage

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ACTION	PERMISSION TYPE				PRICING MODELS			
	UNCOND. PERMIT	COND. ON CONTENT PAYMENT	UNCOND. BASED	PROHIBIT				
VIEW TITLE	✓							
VIEW ABSTRACT	✓							
MODIFY TITLE				✓	. . . .			
REDIS-TRIBUTE			✓					
BACK UP		✓			ONE TIME PURCH.	PAY PER ACTION	DECL. COST	...
VIEW CONTENT		✓			ONE TIME PURCH.	PAY PER VIEW	DECL. COST	...
PRINT CONTENT		✓			ONE TIME PURCH.	PAY PER PRINT	DECL. COST	...

**FIG. 45A** EXAMPLE RIGHTS TEMPLATE

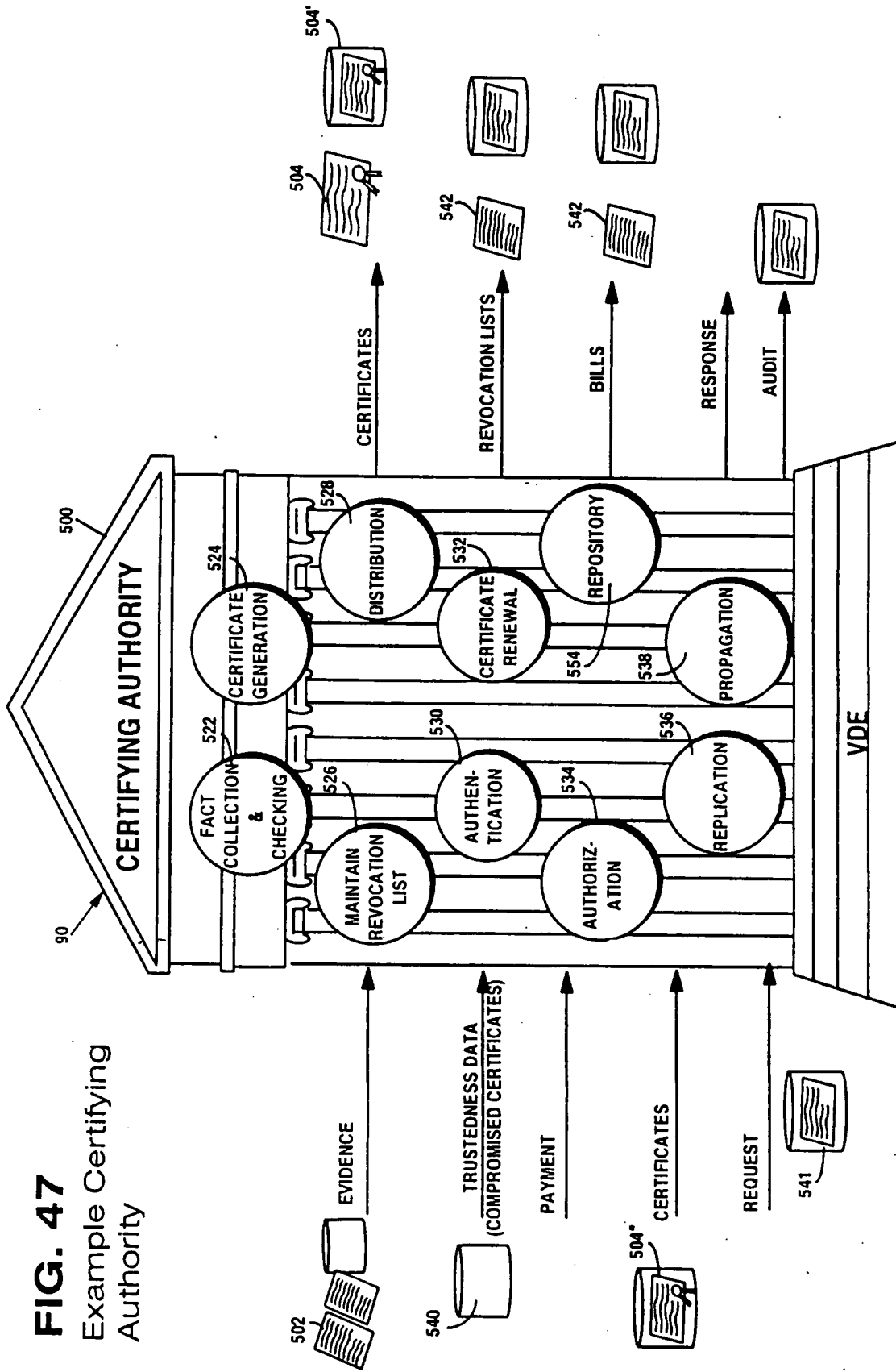


**FIG. 45C** EXAMPLE CONTROL SET

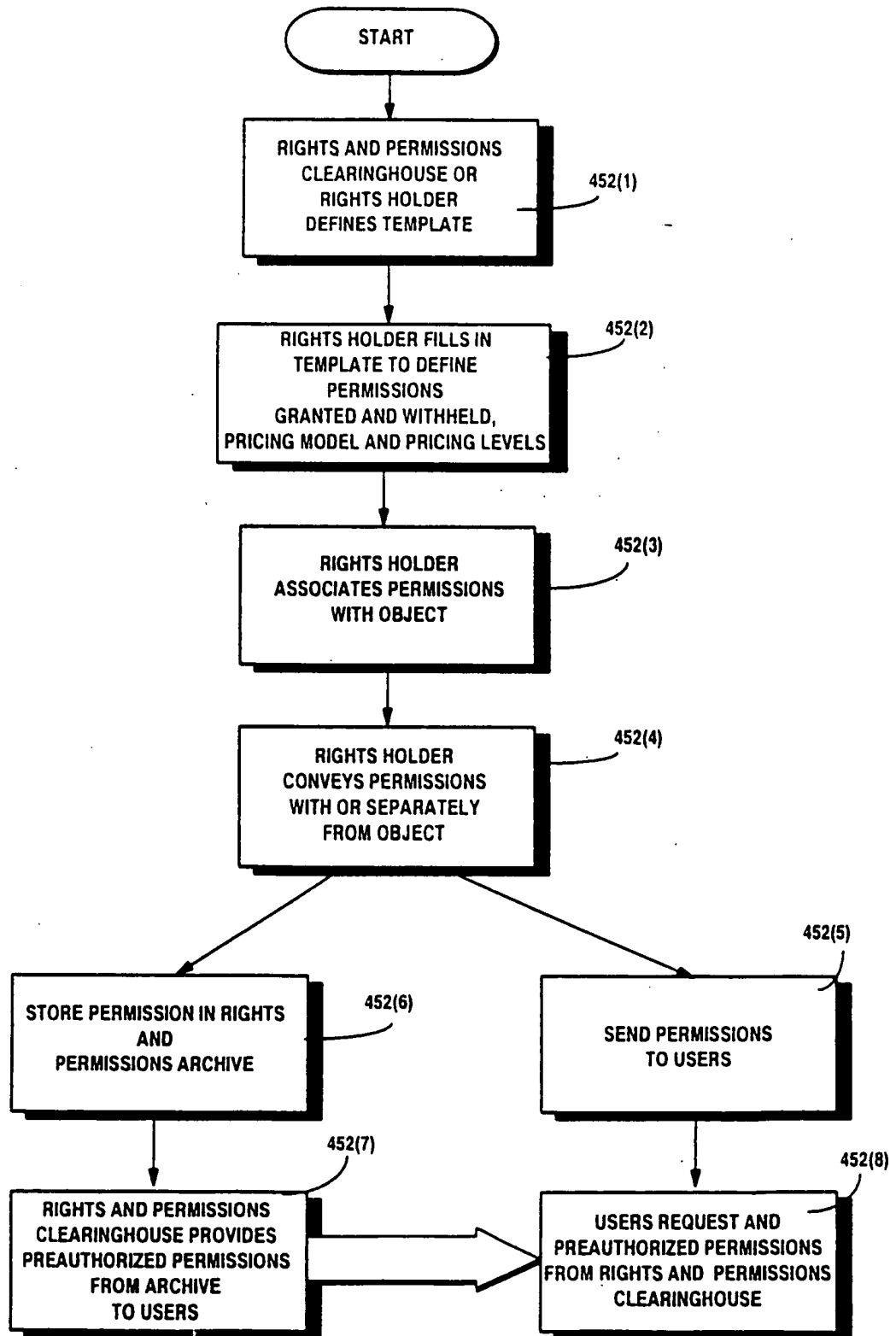
VIEW CONTENT	ONE TIME PURCHASE	✓	\$ _____
	PAY PER VIEW	✓	\$ _____
	DECLINING COST		\$ _____
PRINT. CONTENT	ONE TIME PURCHASE		\$ _____
...			

**FIG. 45B** PRICING MODELS AND LEVELS

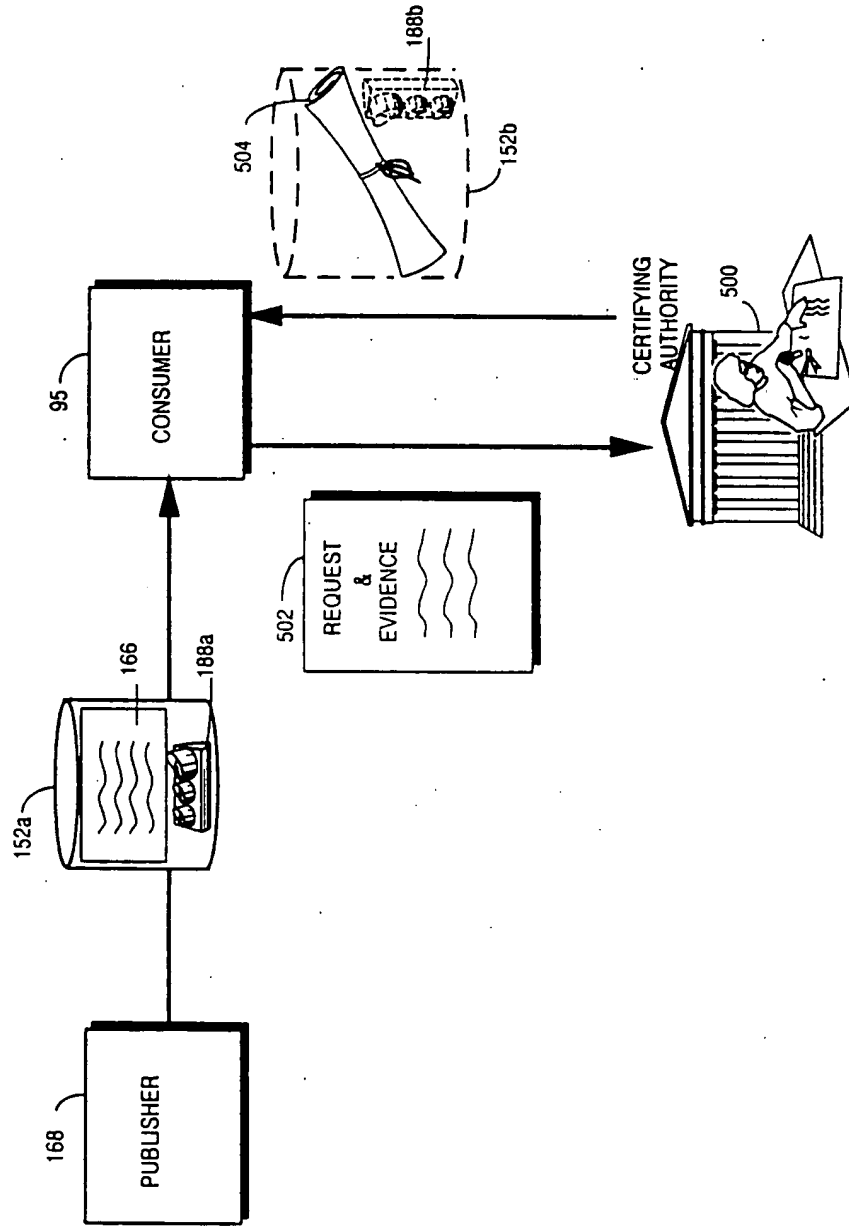
**FIG. 47**  
Example Certifying  
Authority



**FIG. 46** Example Rights And Permissions Clearing Process

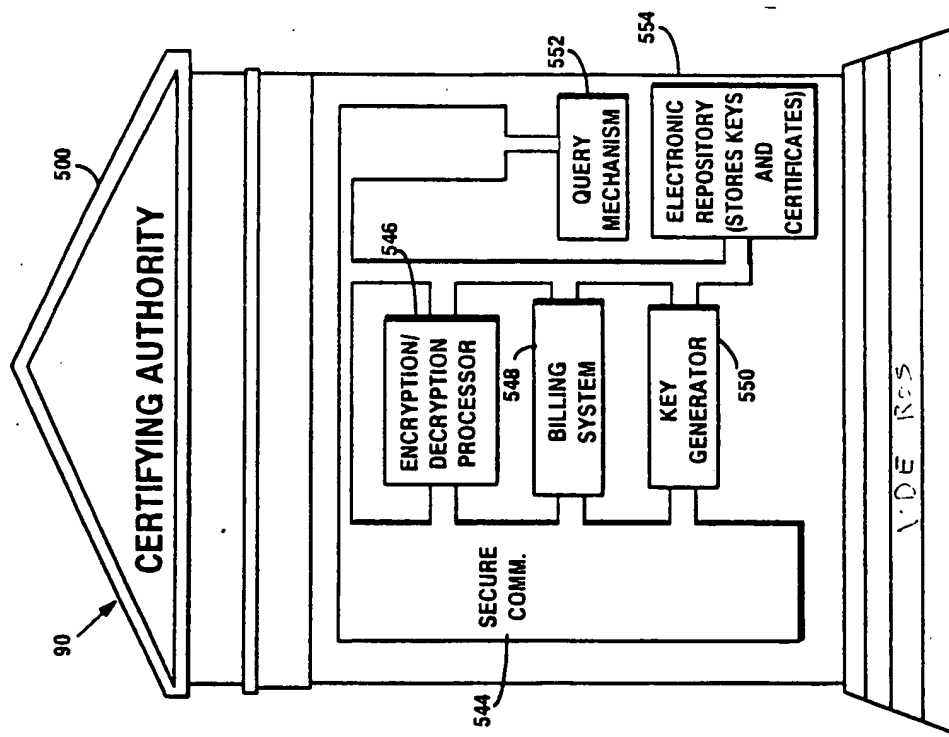


**FIG. 49** Example Certifying Process

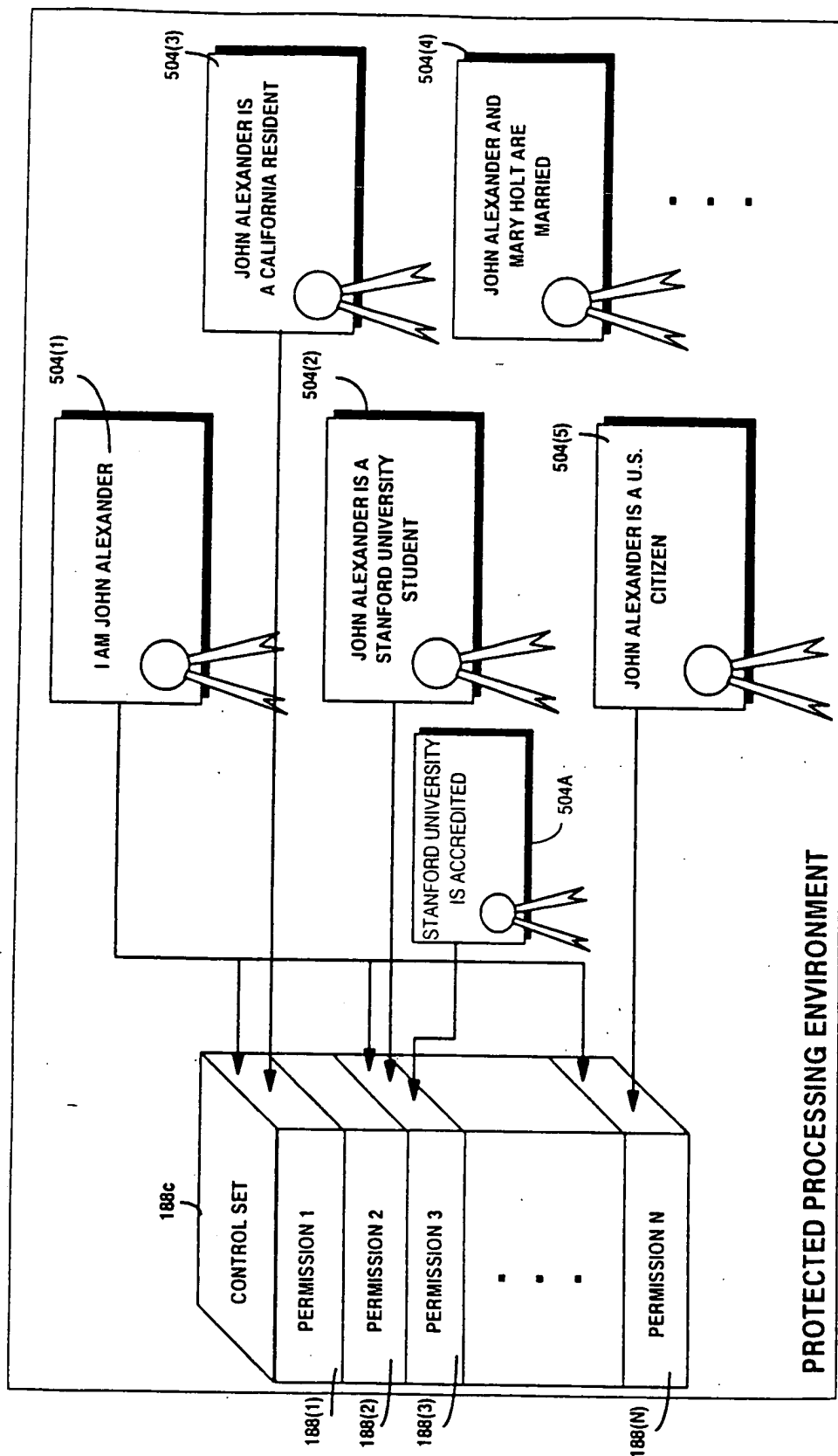


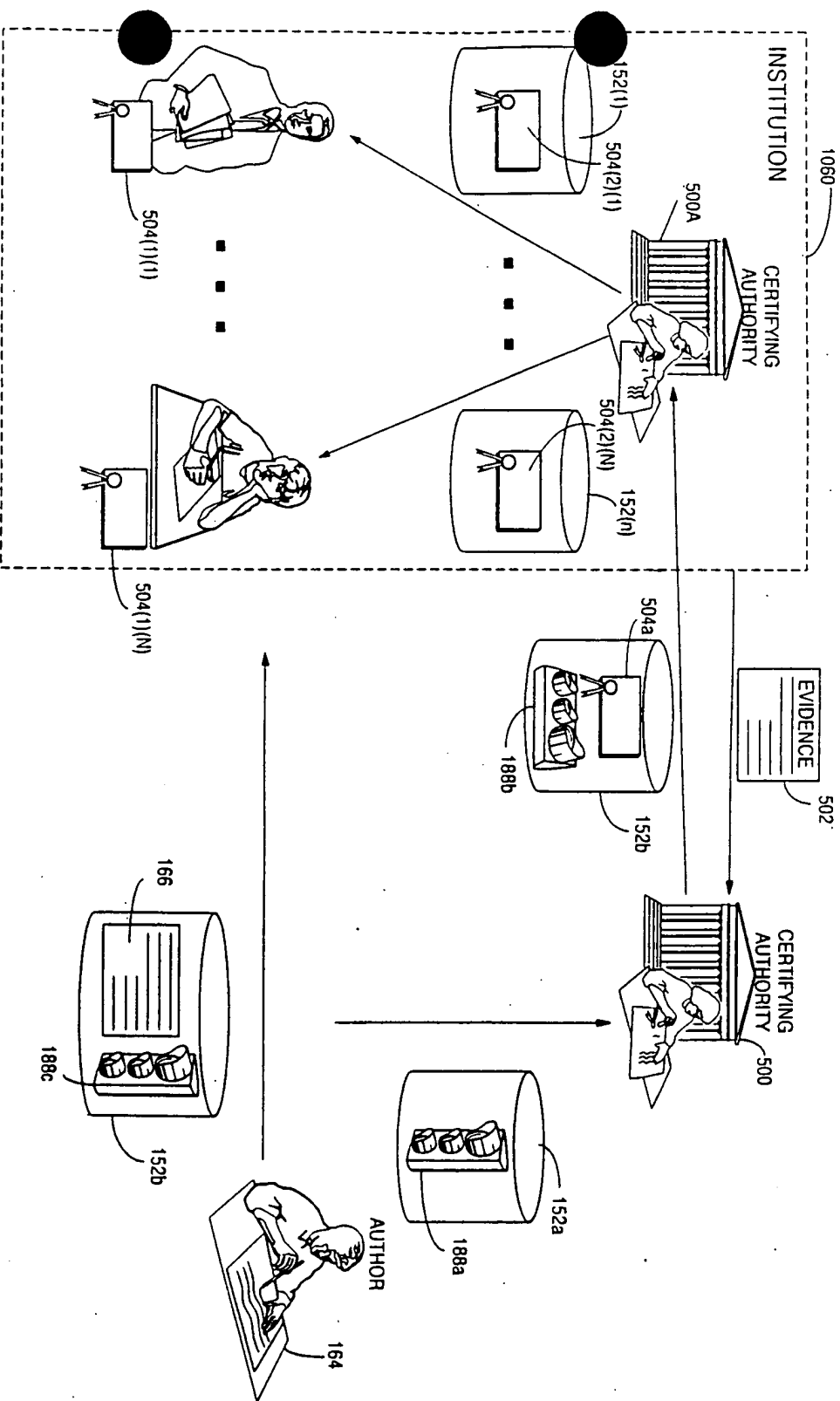


**FIG. 48**  
Example Certifying  
Authority



**FIG. 50A** Example Control Set Using Certificates





**FIG. 50** Distributed Certificate Issuance

FIG. 50 is a schematic diagram of a distributed certificate issuance system. The system includes an institution 1060, a certifying authority 500, evidence 502, data stores 152(1), 152(2)(1), 152(n), 152b, 152a, 152c, an author 164, and a database 166. The certifying authority 500 is shown interacting with the evidence 502 and the data stores 152(1), 152(2)(1), 152(n), 152b, 152a, and 152c. The author 164 is shown interacting with the database 166 and the data store 152b. Arrows indicate the flow of information and certificates between the components.

**FIG. 51E** Generating Certificates Based On Other Certificates

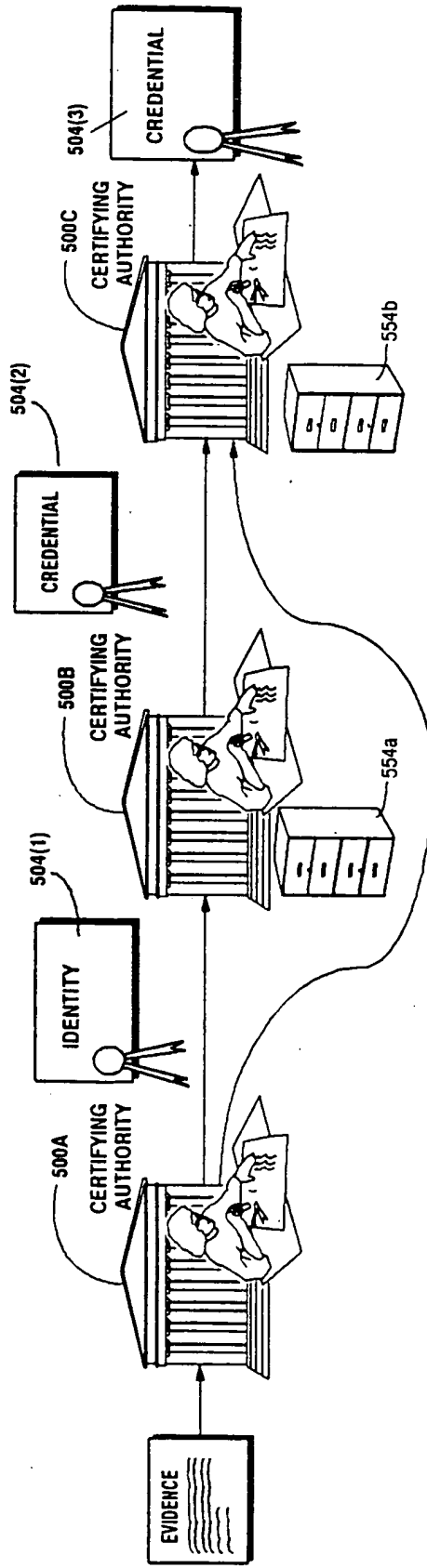


FIG. 51A

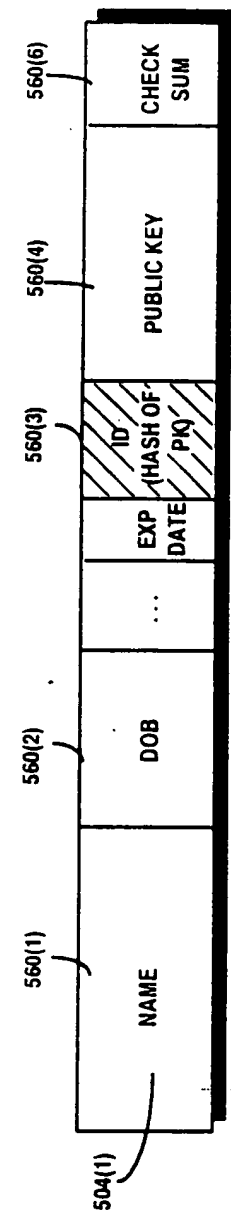


FIG. 51A

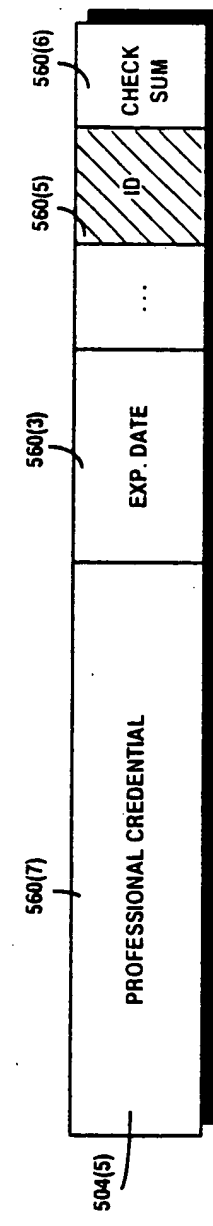


FIG. 51B

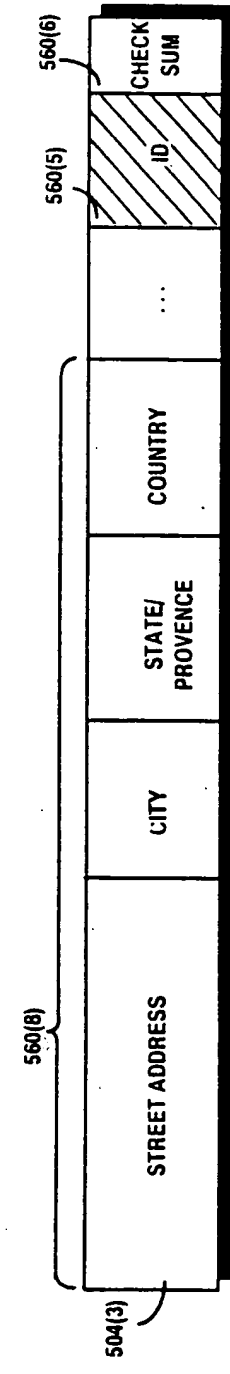


FIG. 51C

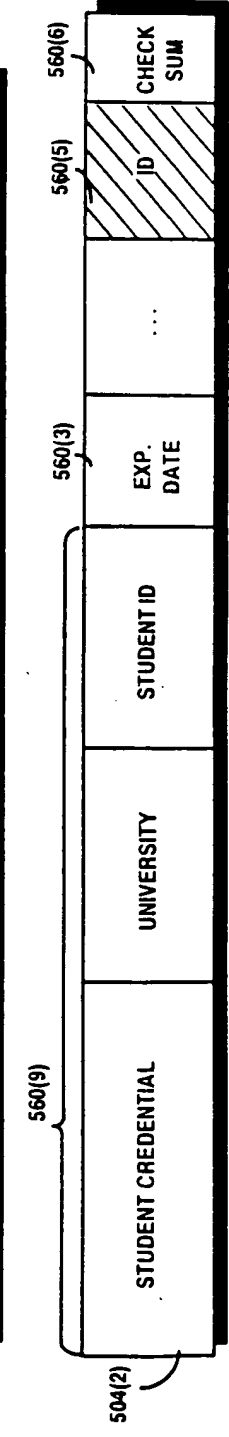


FIG. 51D

Example Digital Certificates

FIG. 51G

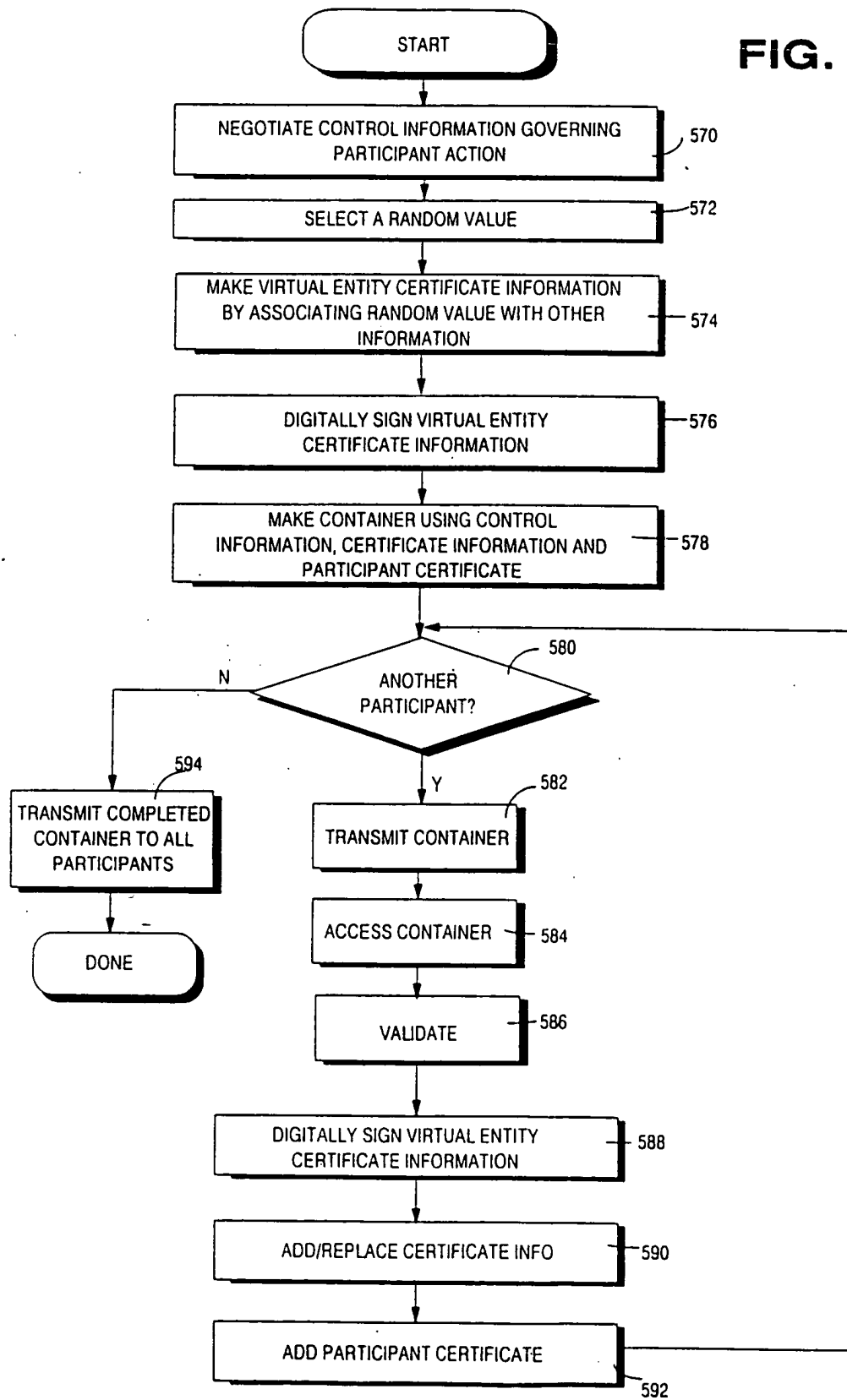
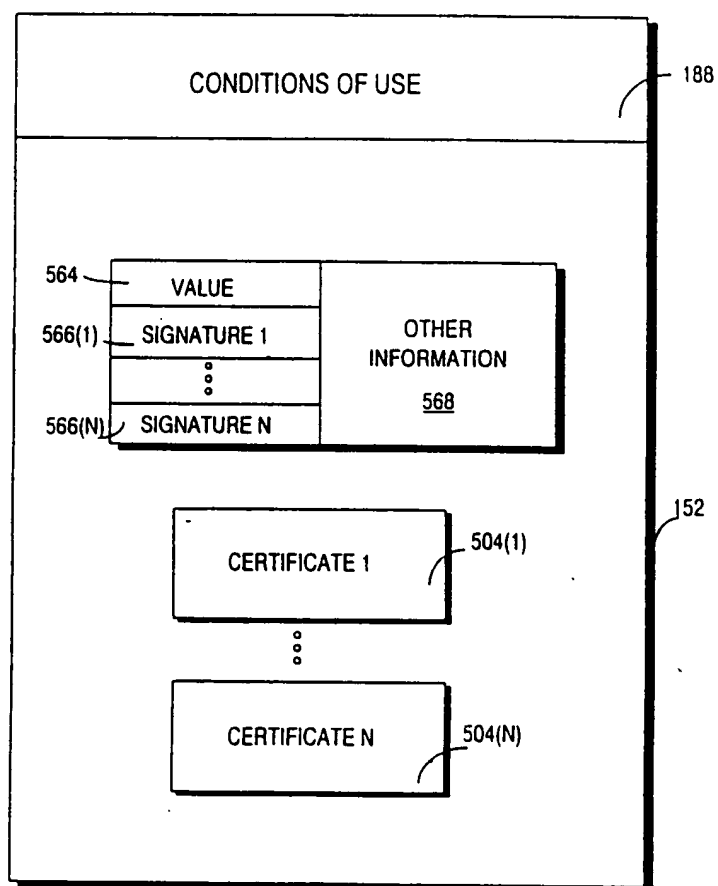
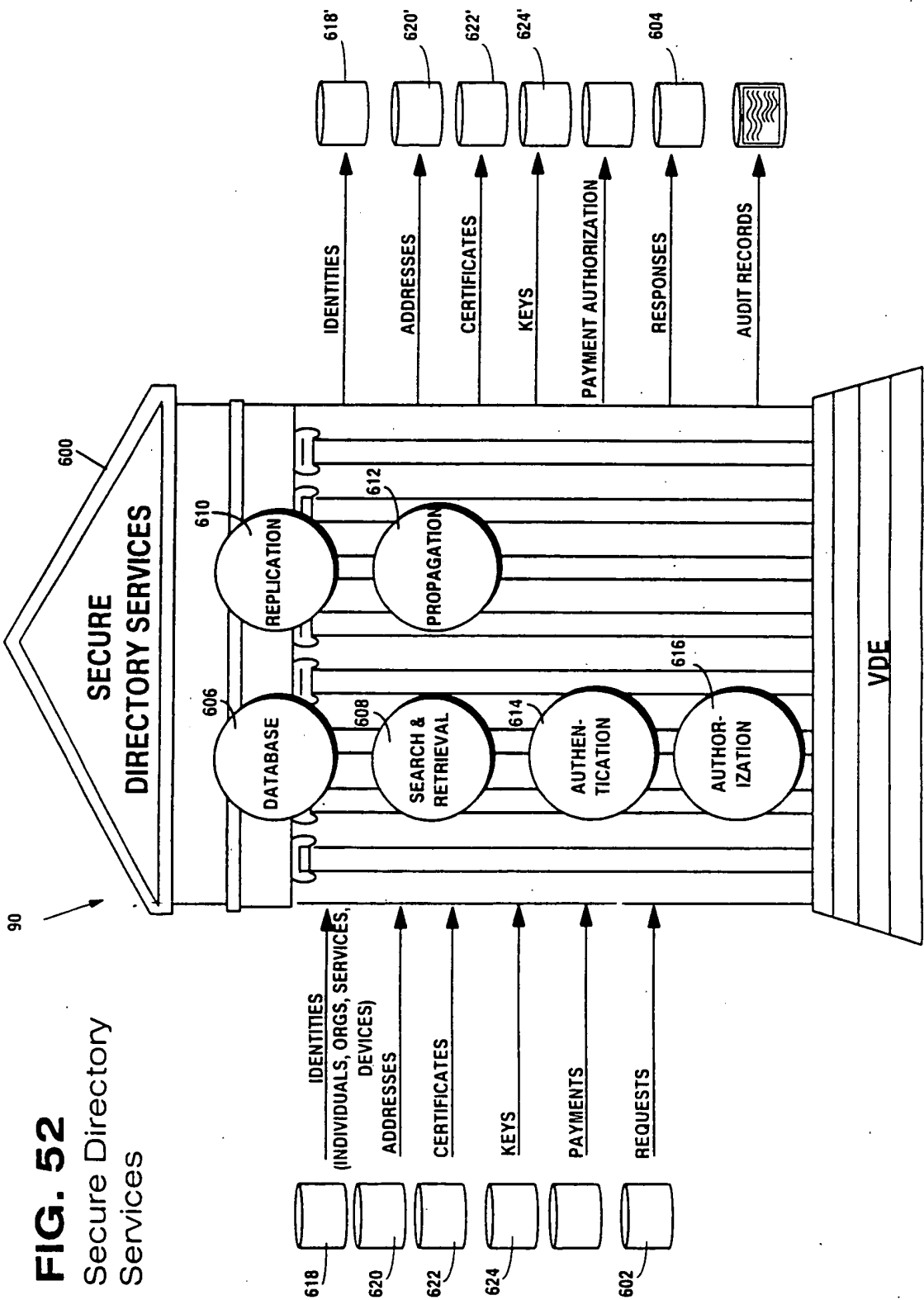


FIG. 51F



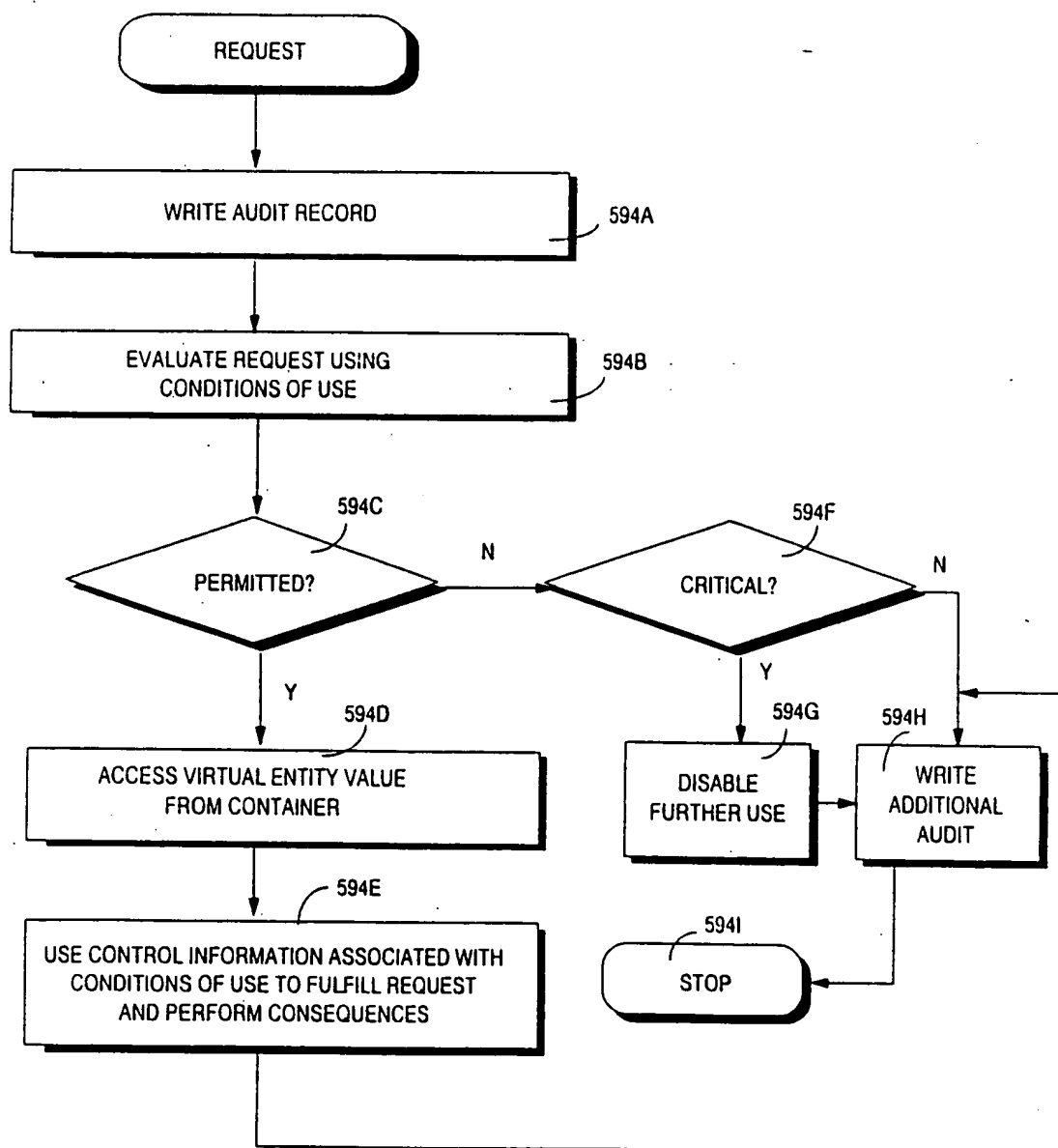


**FIG. 52**  
Secure Directory  
Services

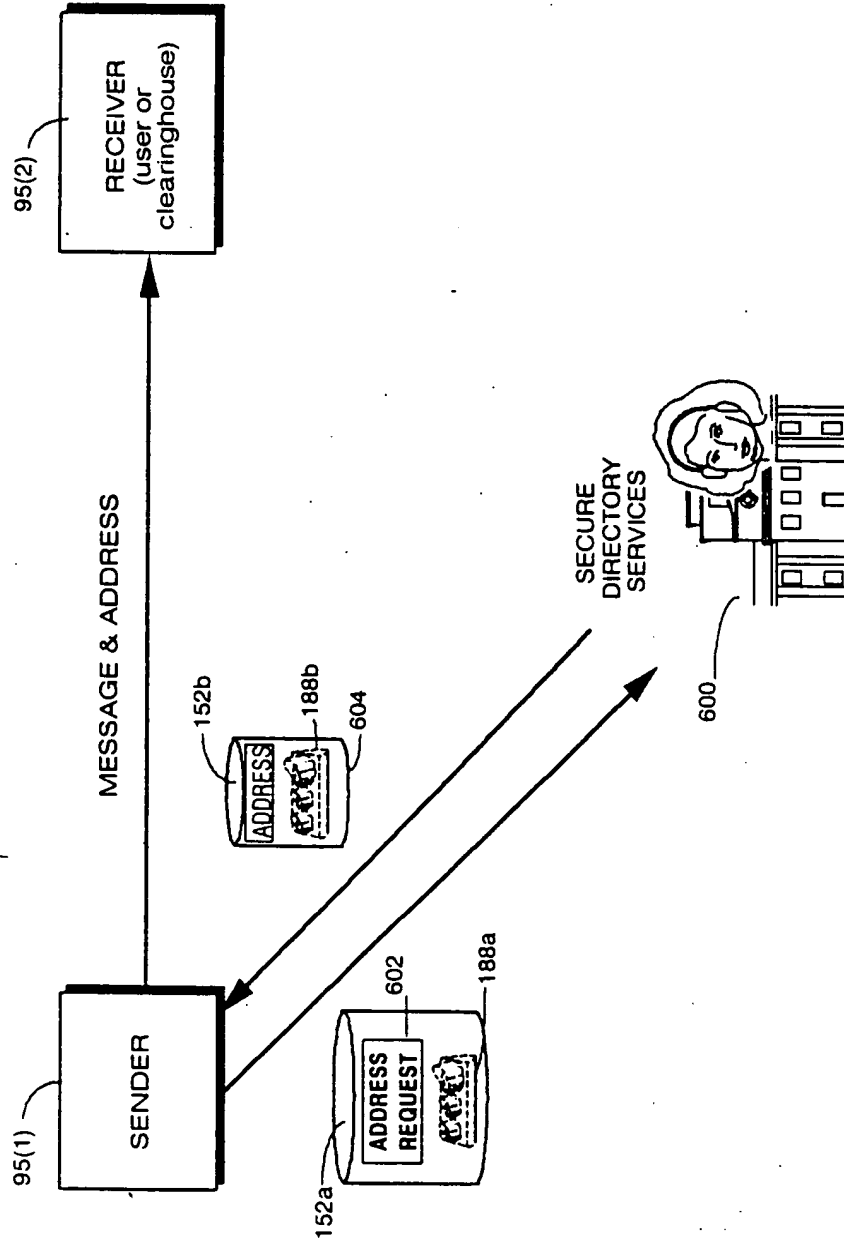
FIG. 52 is a block diagram of the Secure Directory Services architecture. The architecture includes a central processing unit (600) with a triangular top section labeled "SECURE DIRECTORY SERVICES" and a base section labeled "VDE". The central unit contains several functional blocks: a DATABASE (606), REPLICATION (610), PROPAGATION (612), SEARCH & RETRIEVAL (608), AUTHENTICATION (614), and AUTHORIZATION (616). On the left side, there are input data sources represented by cylinders: 618 (IDENTITIES), 620 (ADDRESSES), 622 (CERTIFICATES), 624 (KEYS), and 602 (REQUESTS). On the right side, there are output data sources represented by cylinders: 618' (IDENTITIES), 620' (ADDRESSES), 622' (CERTIFICATES), 624' (KEYS), 604 (PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION), and 604 (RESPONSES), along with a document icon for AUDIT RECORDS. Arrows indicate the flow of data from the input sources into the central unit and from the central unit to the output sources.



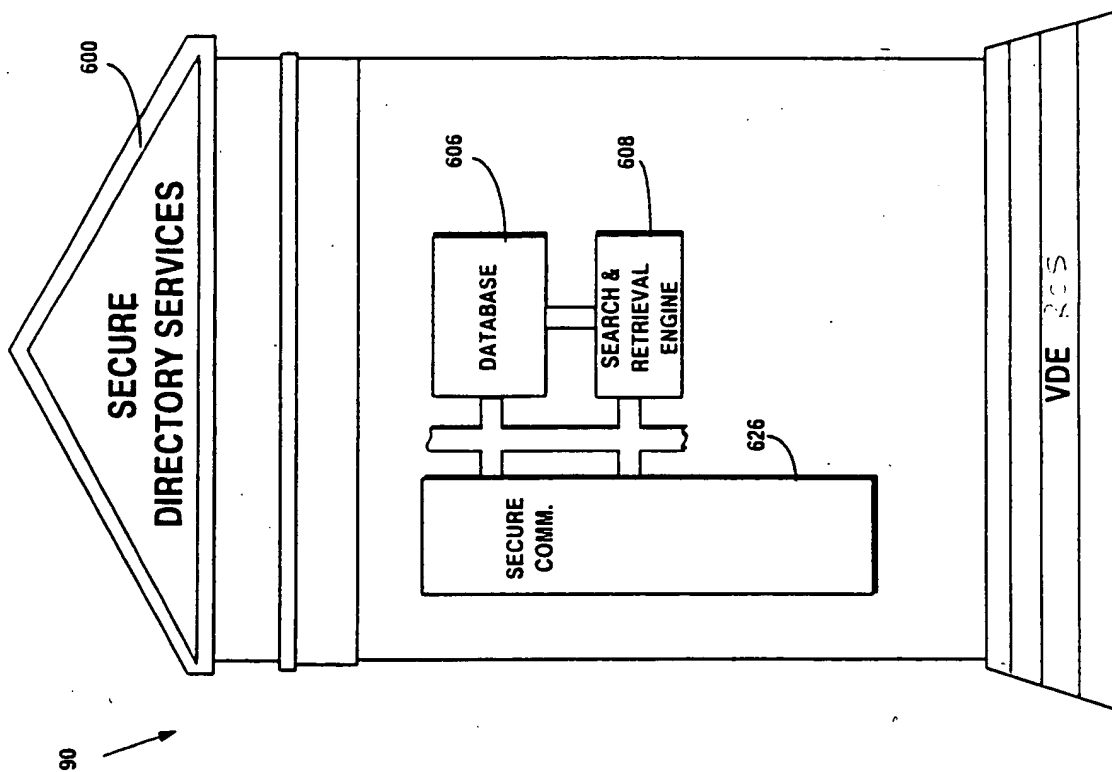
FIG. 51H



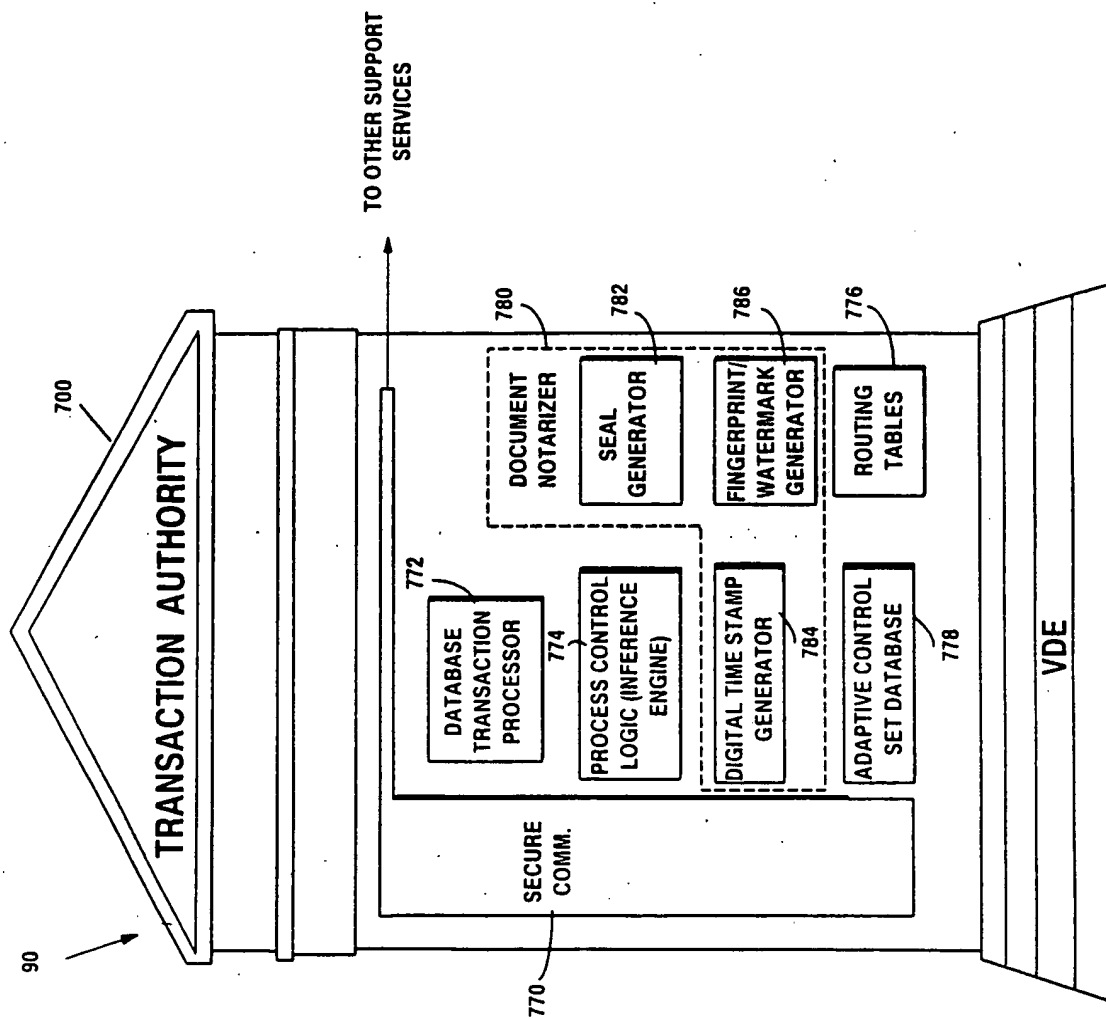
**FIG. 54** Example Secure Directory Service Process



**FIG. 53**  
Example Secure  
Directory Services

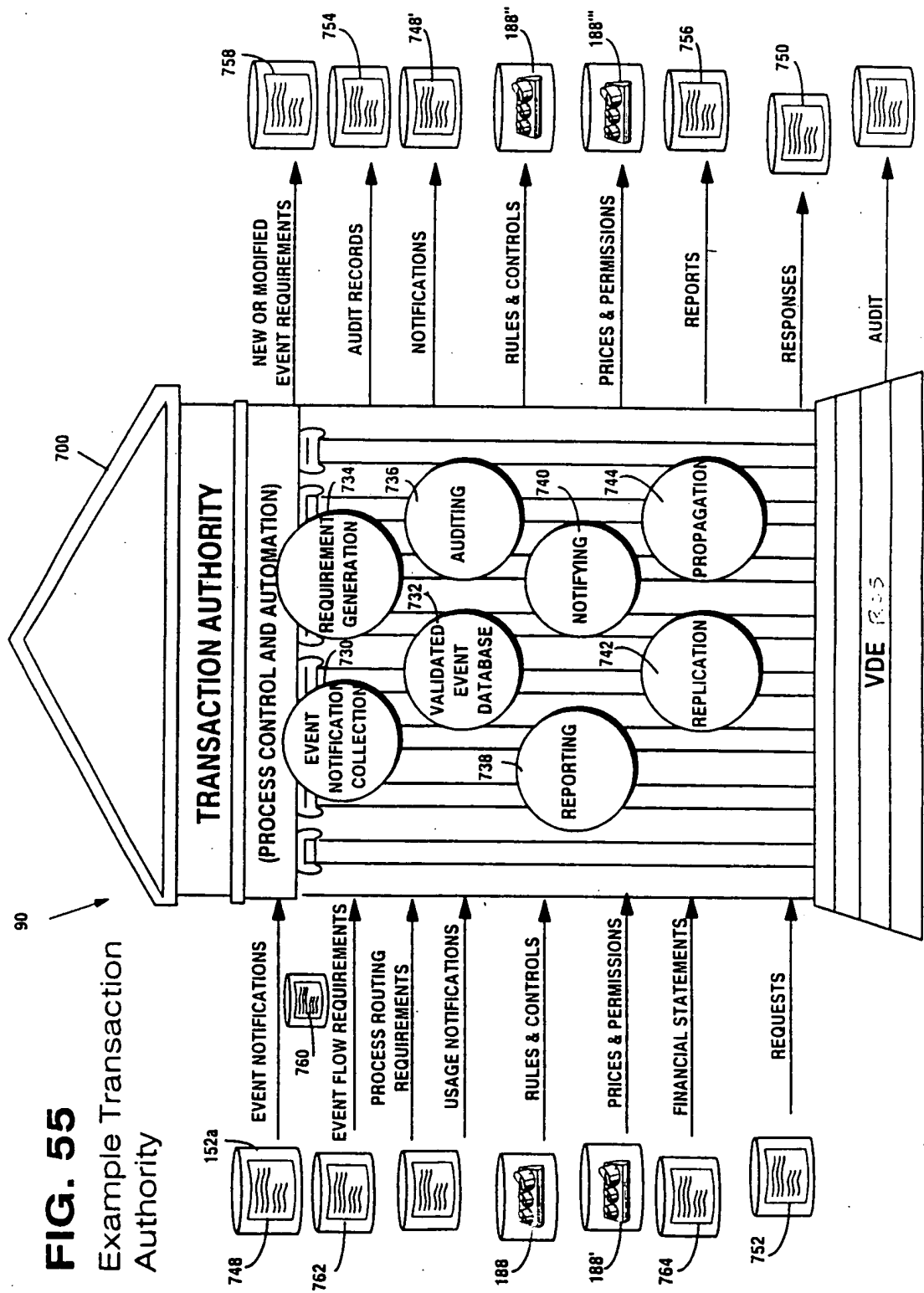


**FIG. 56**  
Example Transaction  
Authority



**FIG. 55**

Example Transaction Authority



**FIG. 58A**

Forming a Control  
Superset

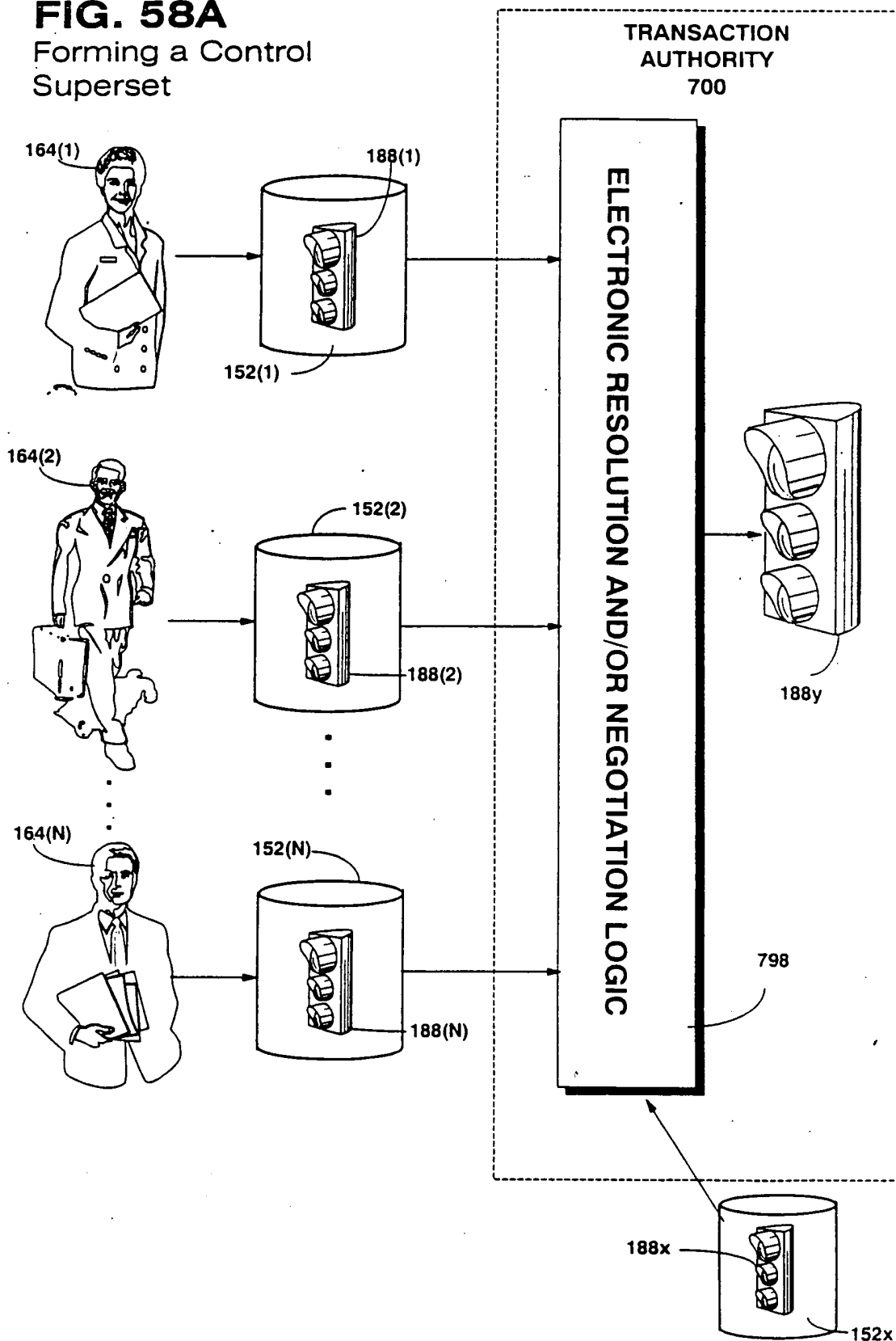
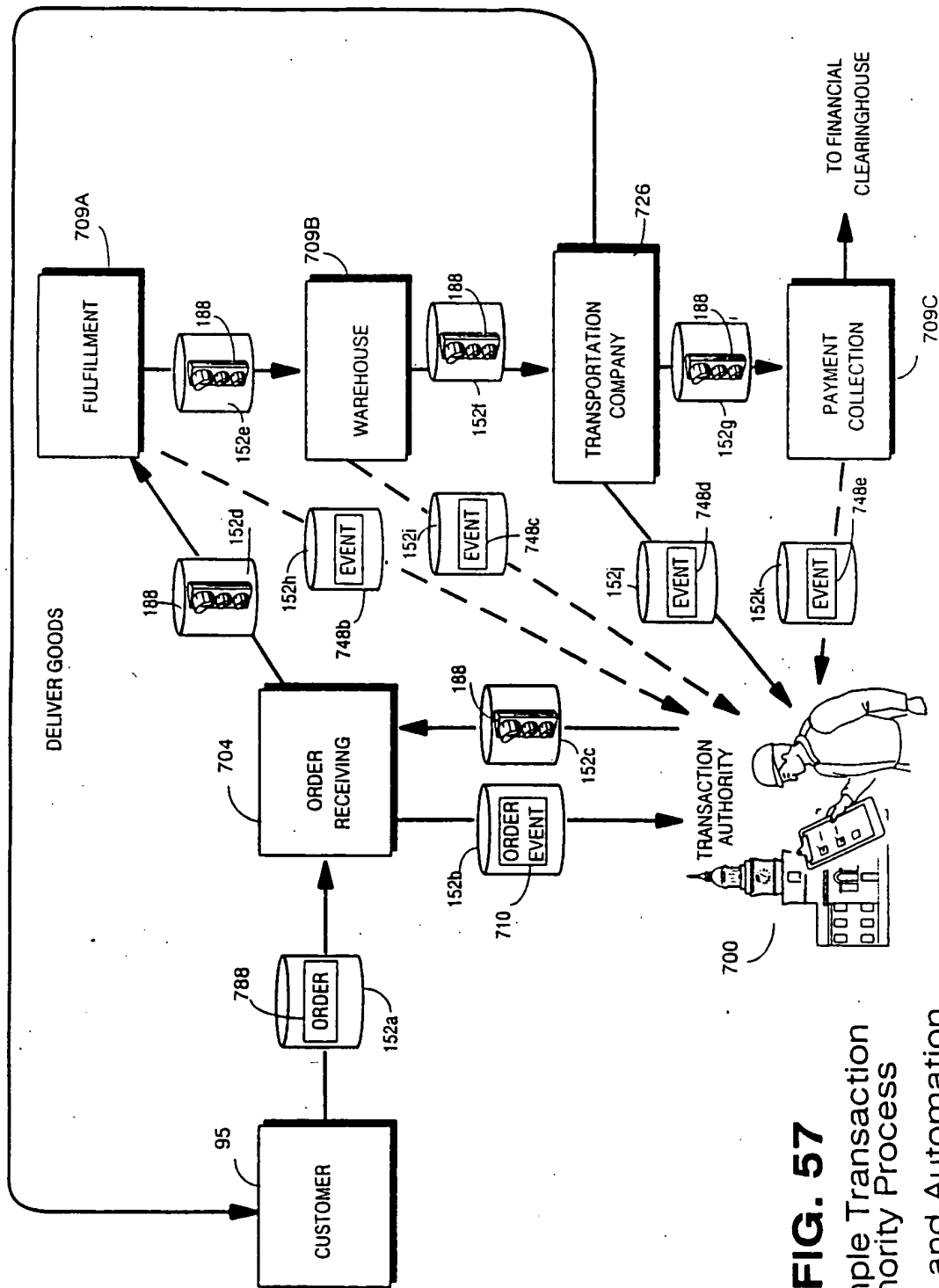
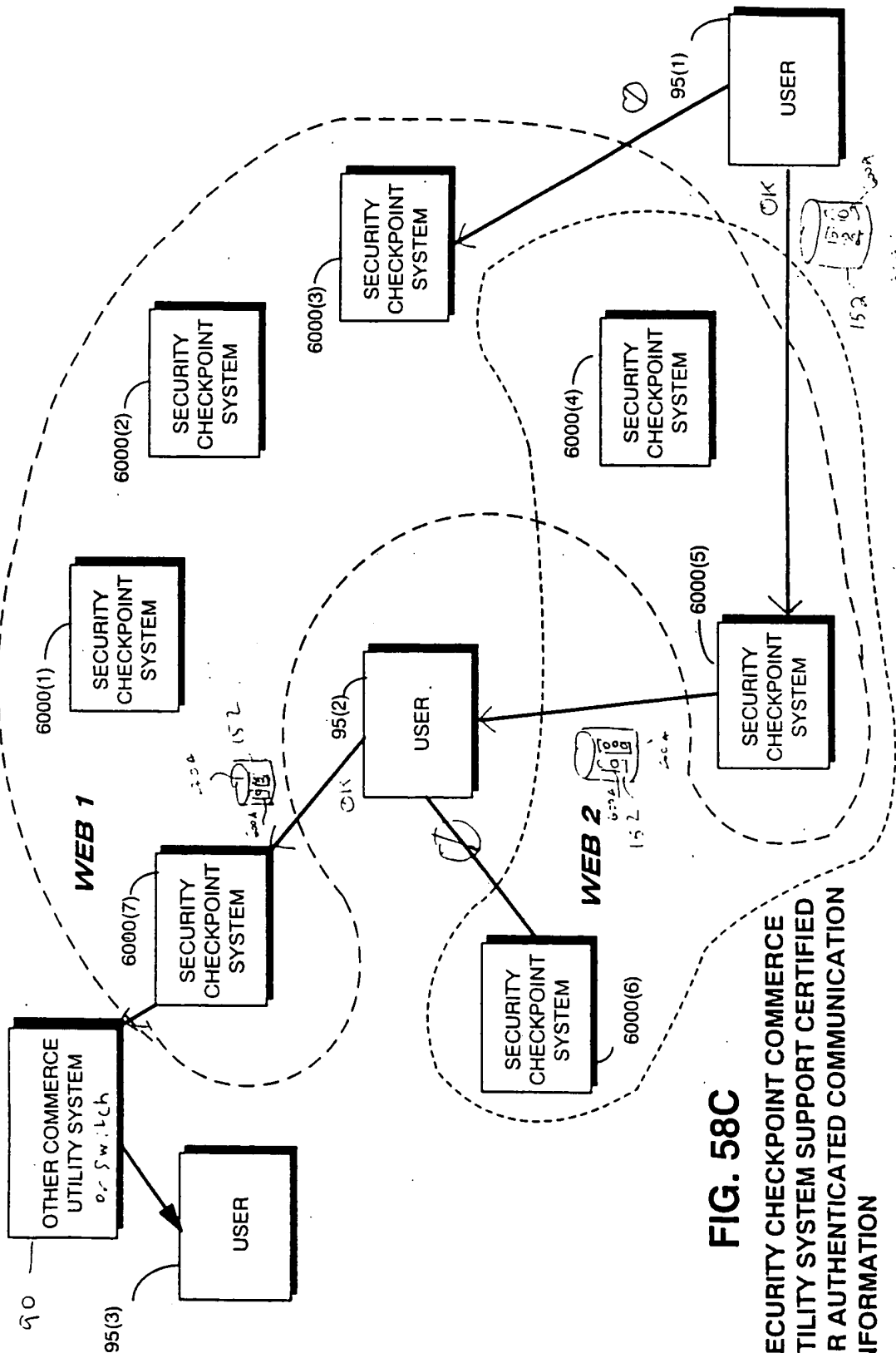


FIG. 57 is a block diagram of an example transaction authority process control and automation system. The system includes a customer 95, an order receiving unit 704, a fulfillment unit 709A, a warehouse unit 709B, a transportation company unit 726, and a payment collection unit 709C. The customer 95 sends an order 788 to the order receiving unit 704. The order receiving unit 704 sends an order event 152b to a transaction authority 700. The transaction authority 700 sends an event 152c to the order receiving unit 704. The order receiving unit 704 sends an event 152h to the fulfillment unit 709A. The fulfillment unit 709A sends an event 152d to the warehouse unit 709B. The warehouse unit 709B sends an event 152i to the transportation company unit 726. The transportation company unit 726 sends an event 152j to the payment collection unit 709C. The payment collection unit 709C sends an event 152k to the transaction authority 700. The transaction authority 700 sends an event 748e to the payment collection unit 709C. The payment collection unit 709C sends a payment to a financial clearinghouse. The transaction authority 700 is represented by a person with a device 700.



**FIG. 57**  
Example Transaction  
Authority Process  
Control and Automation

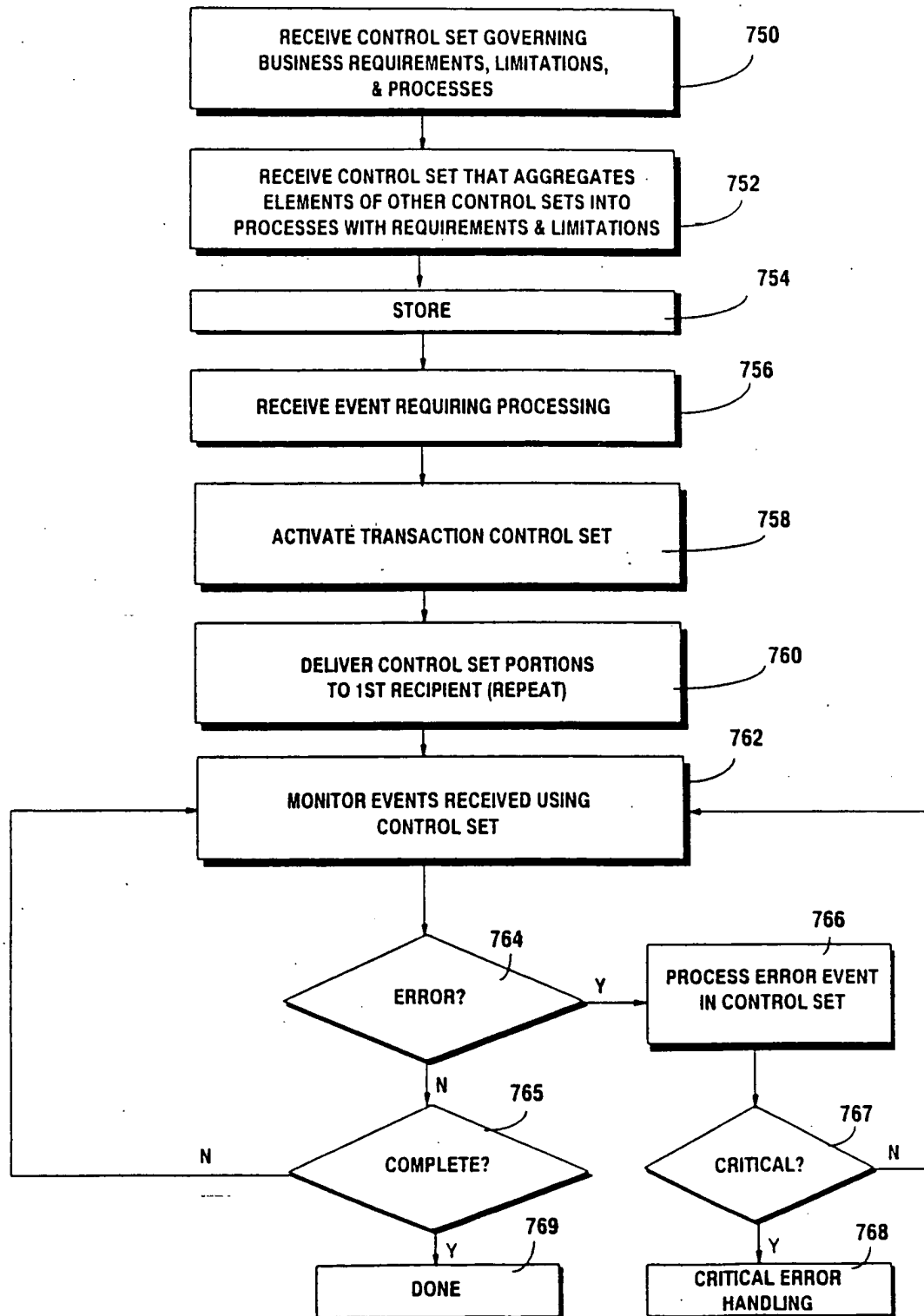


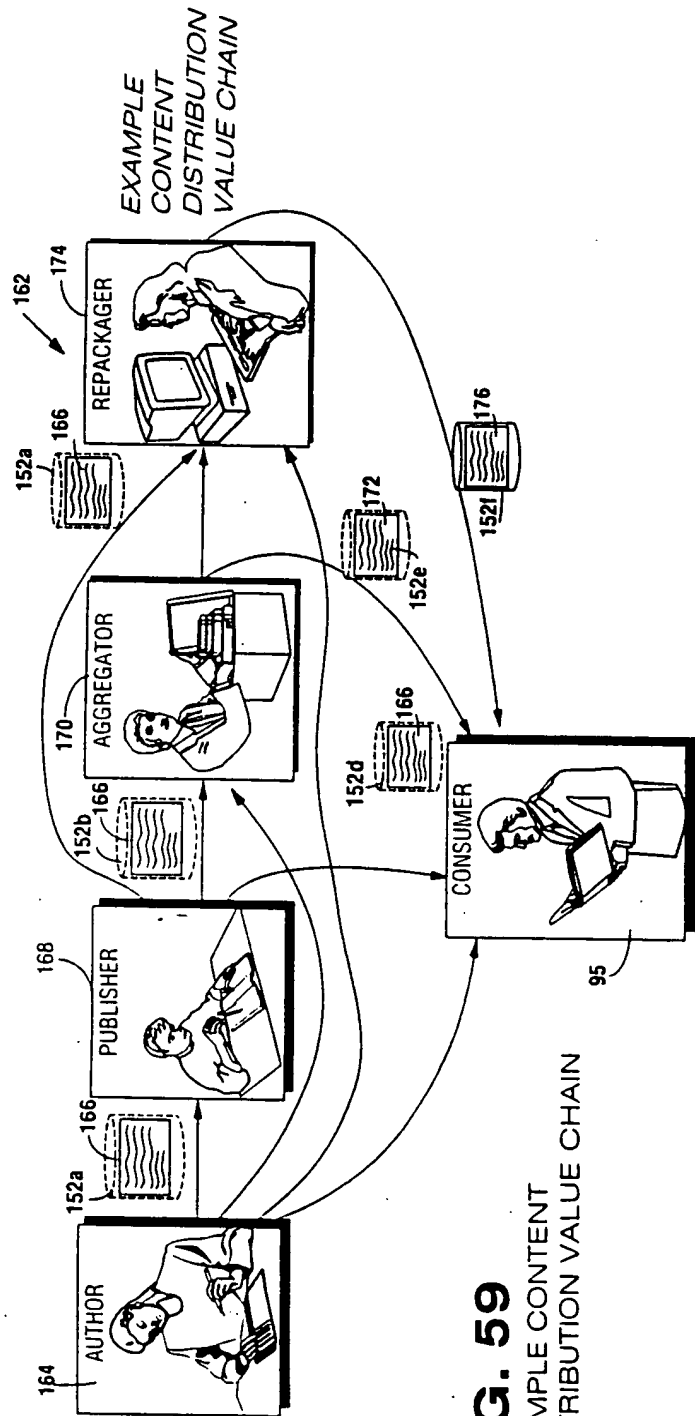
**FIG. 58C**

SECURITY CHECKPOINT COMMERCE  
UTILITY SYSTEM SUPPORT CERTIFIED  
OR AUTHENTICATED COMMUNICATION  
INFORMATION



**FIG. 58B** Transaction Authority Example Steps





**FIG. 59**  
EXAMPLE CONTENT  
DISTRIBUTION VALUE CHAIN

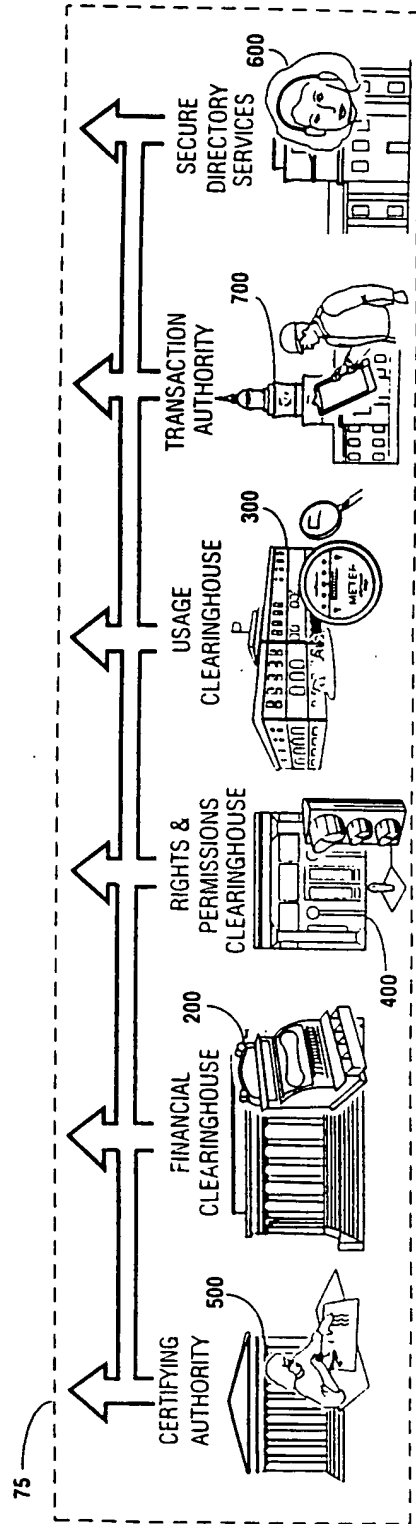
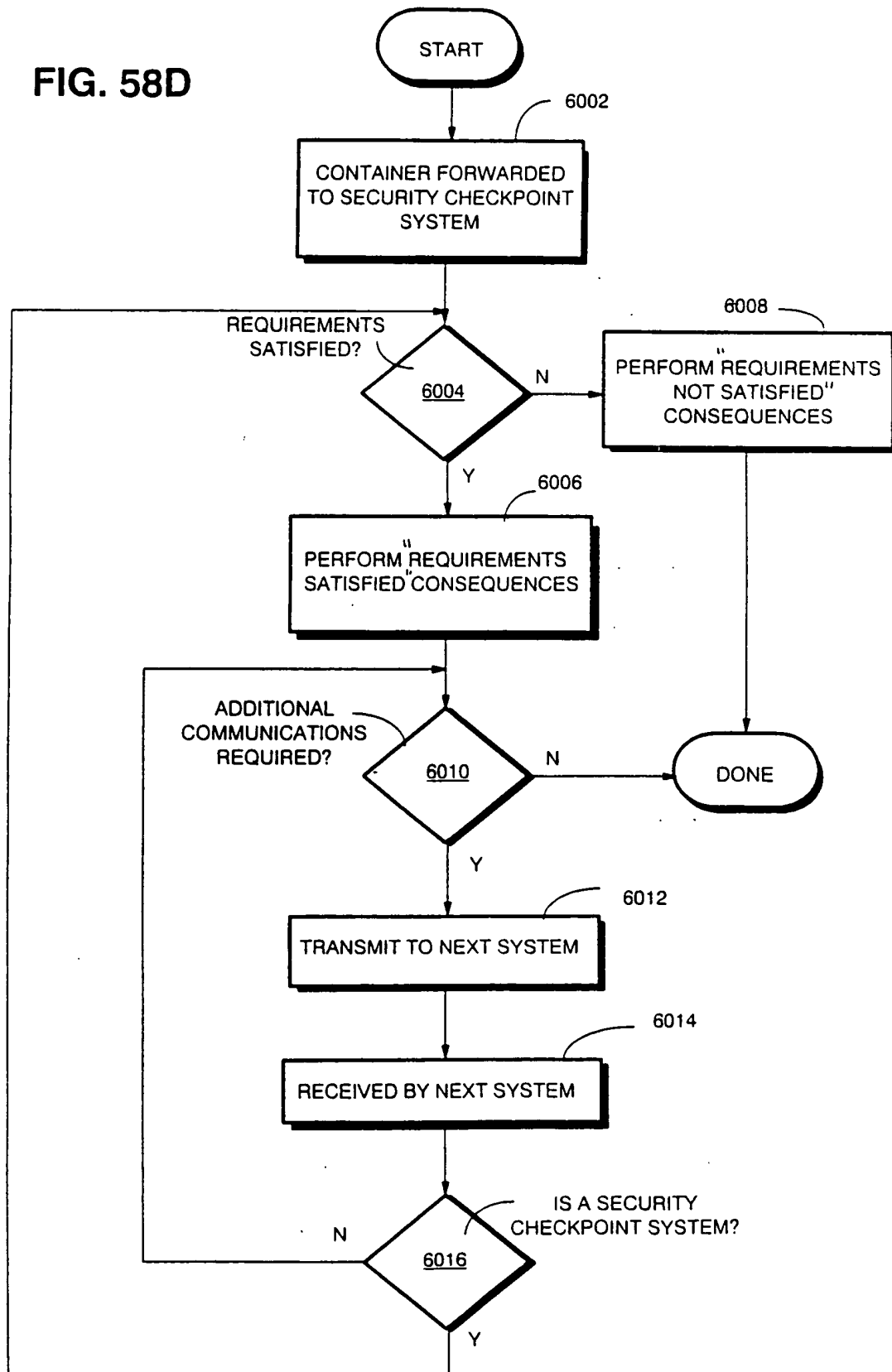
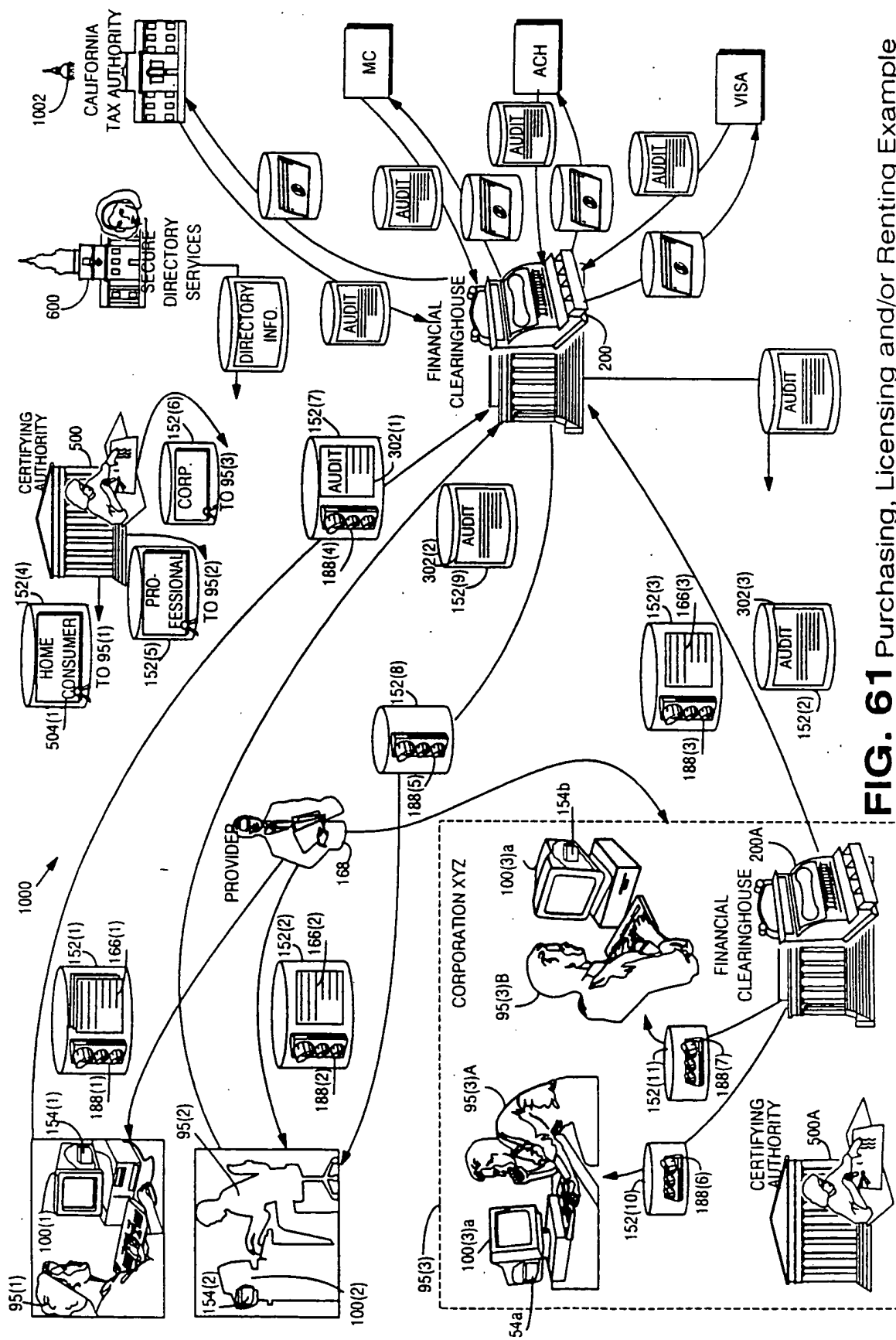
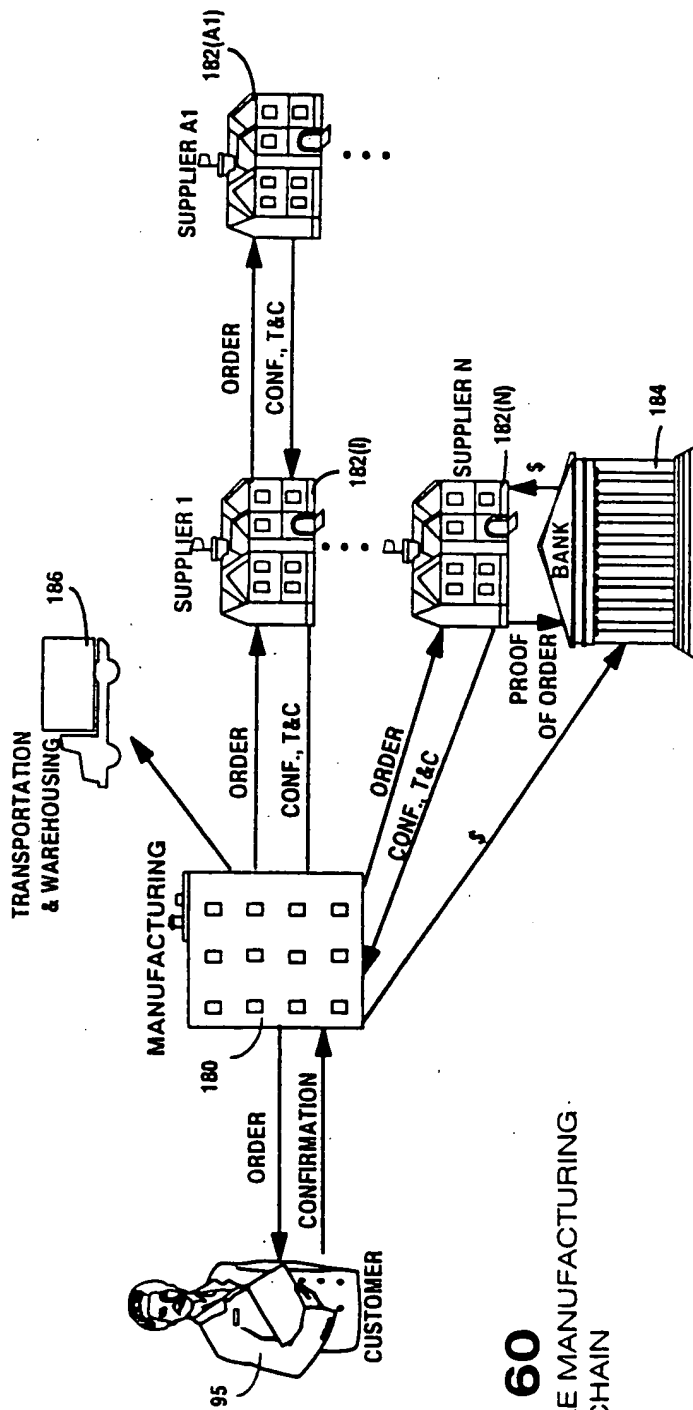


FIG. 58D

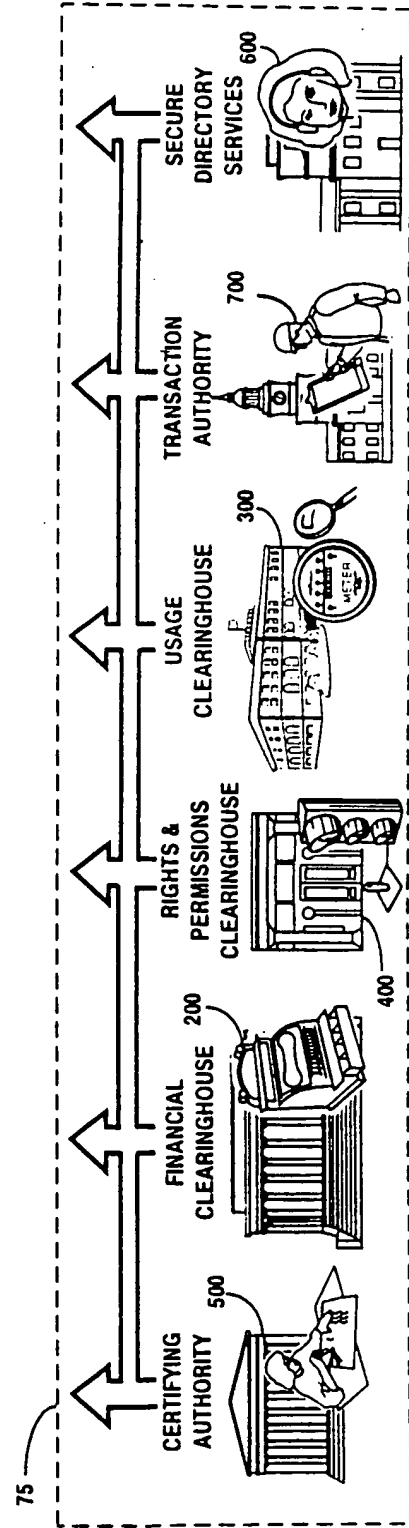




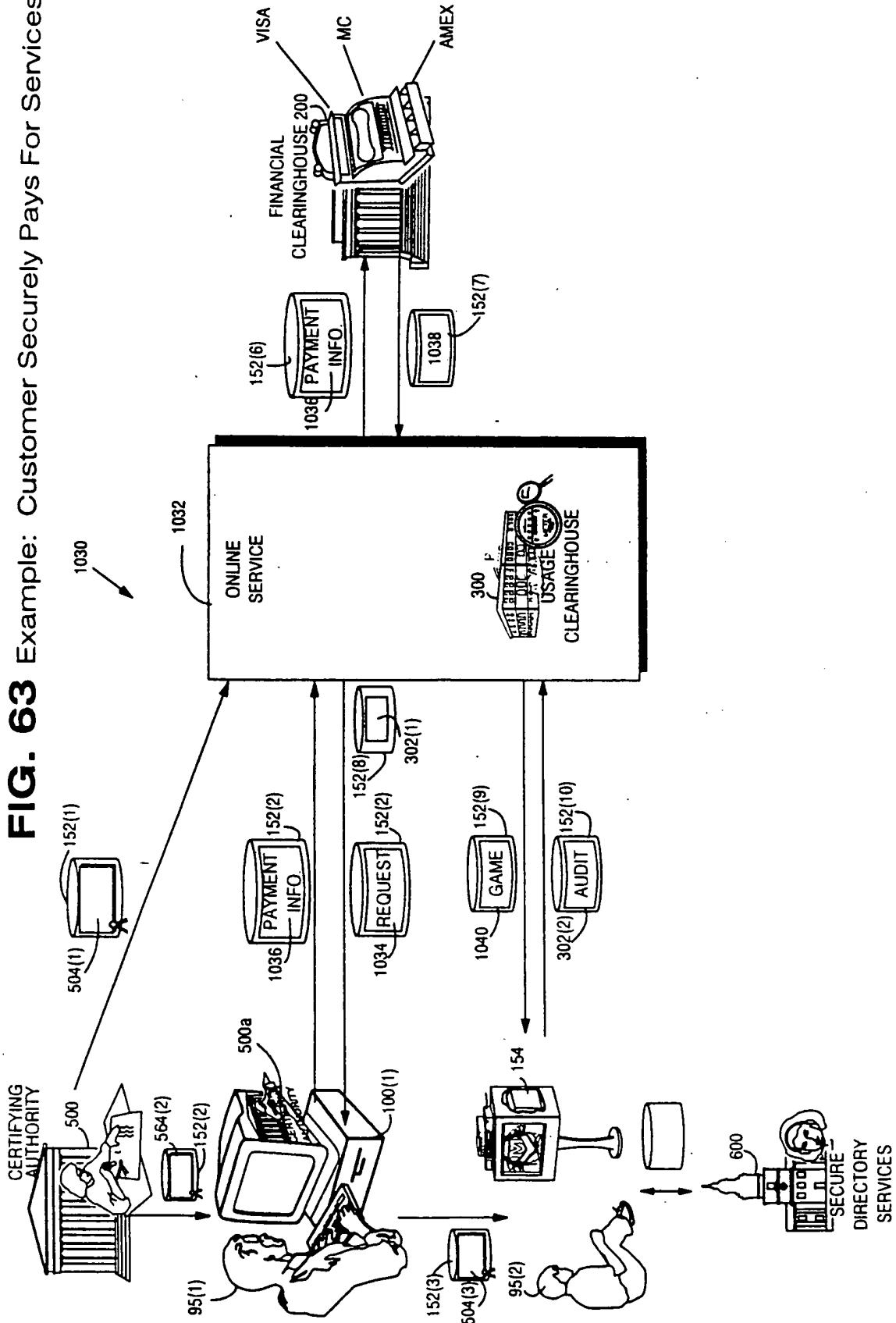
**FIG. 61** Purchasing, Licensing and/or Renting Example



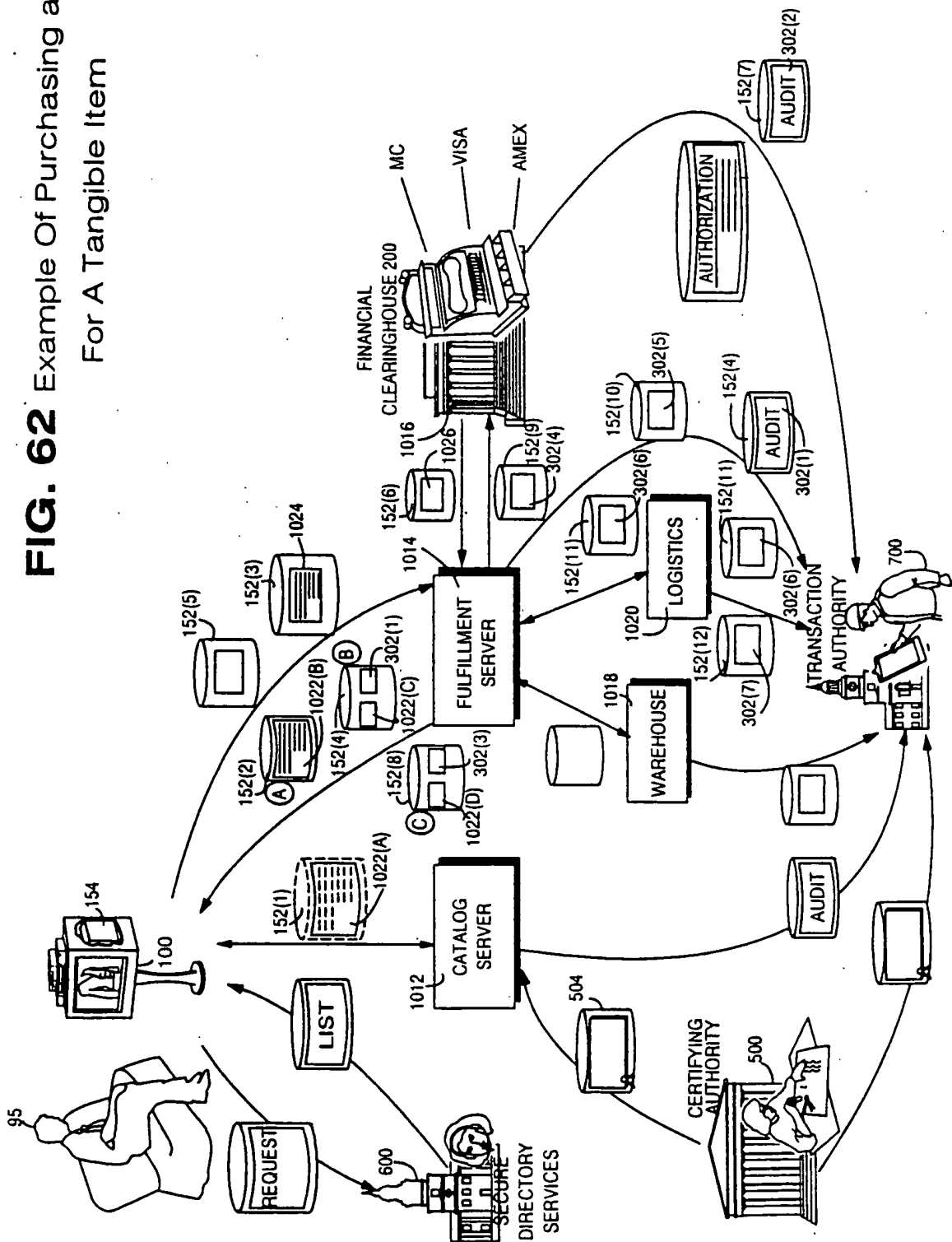
**FIG. 60**  
EXAMPLE MANUFACTURING  
VALUE CHAIN

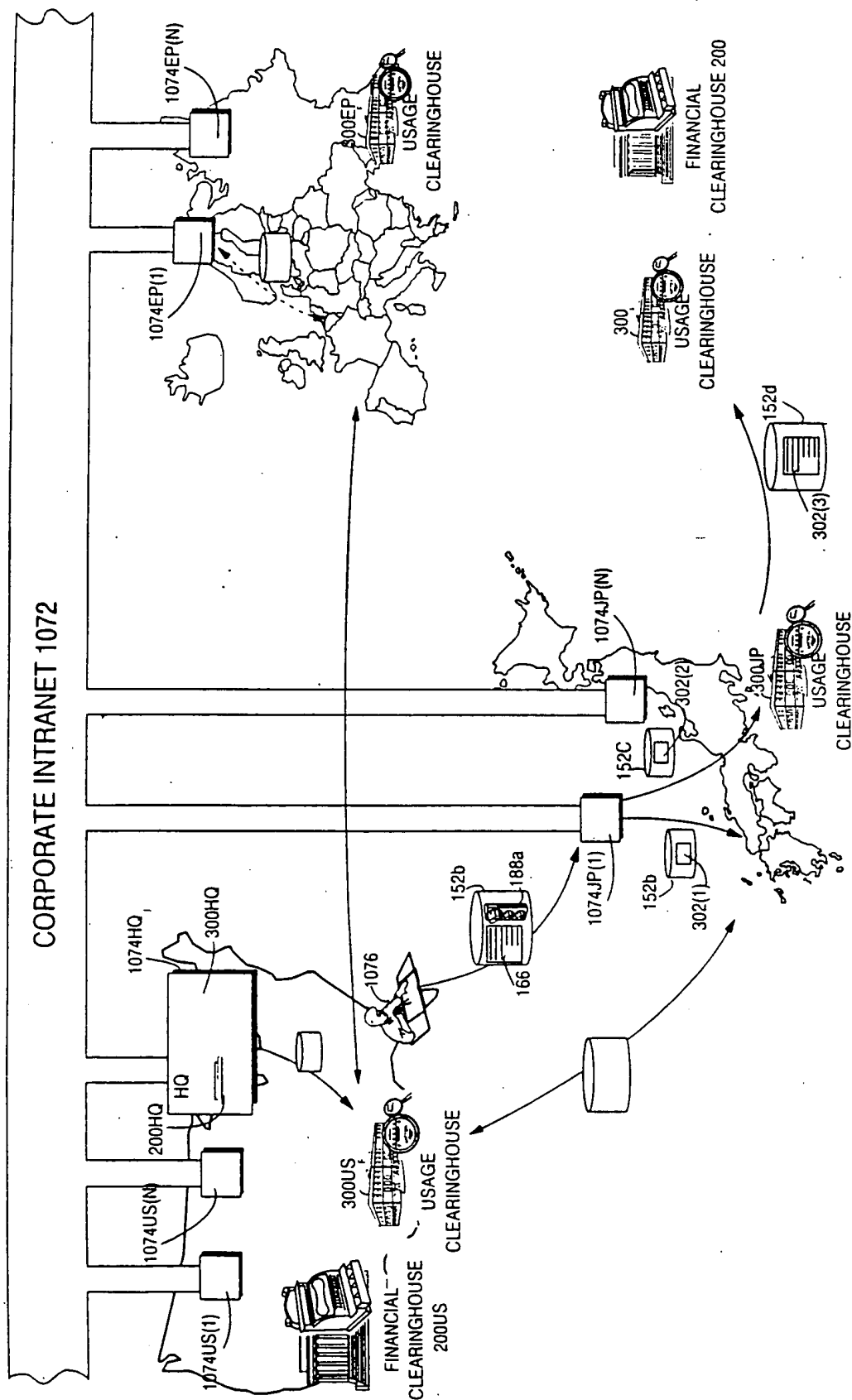


**FIG. 63** Example: Customer Securely Pays For Services



**FIG. 62** Example Of Purchasing and Paying  
For A Tangible Item

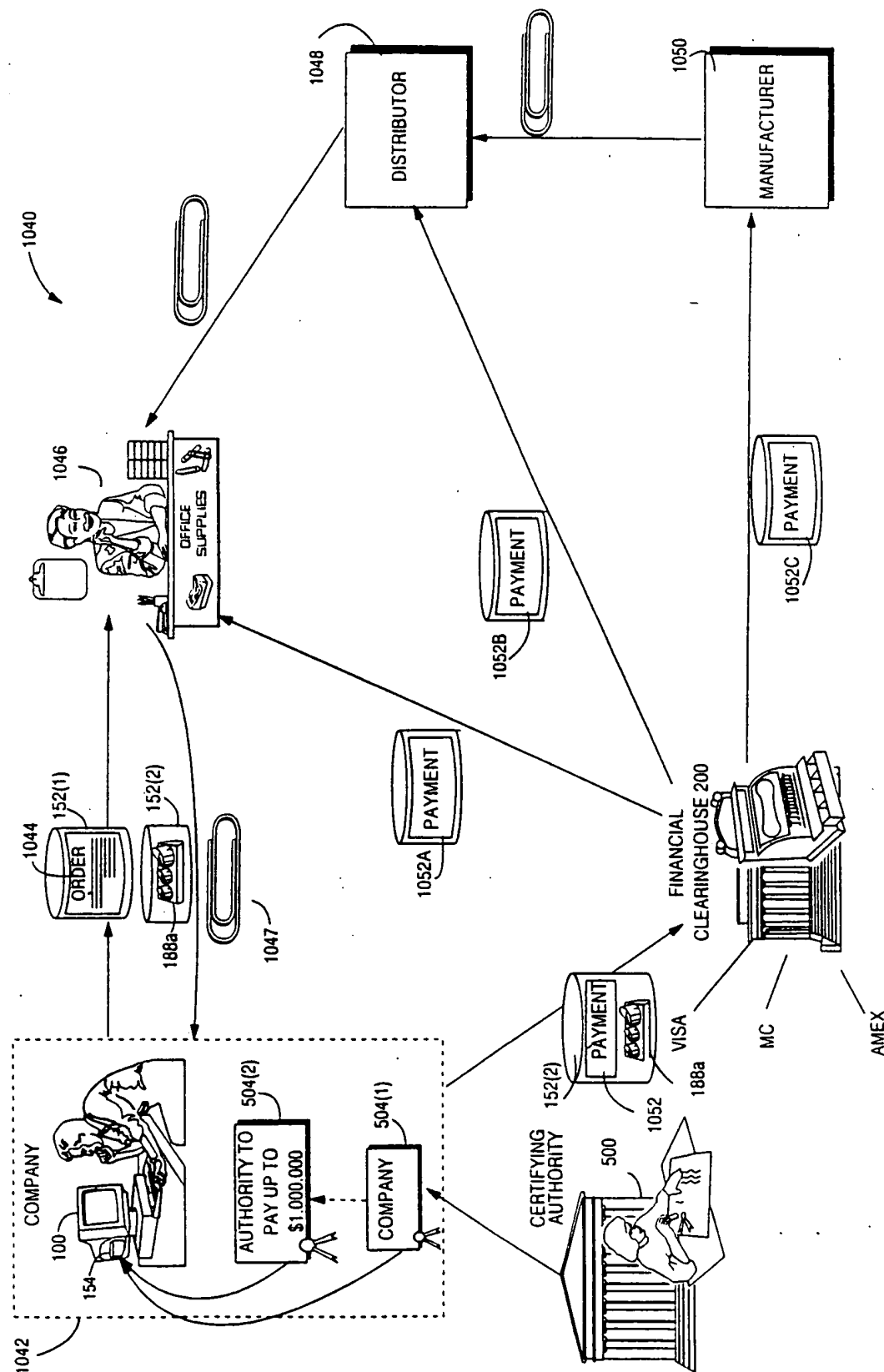


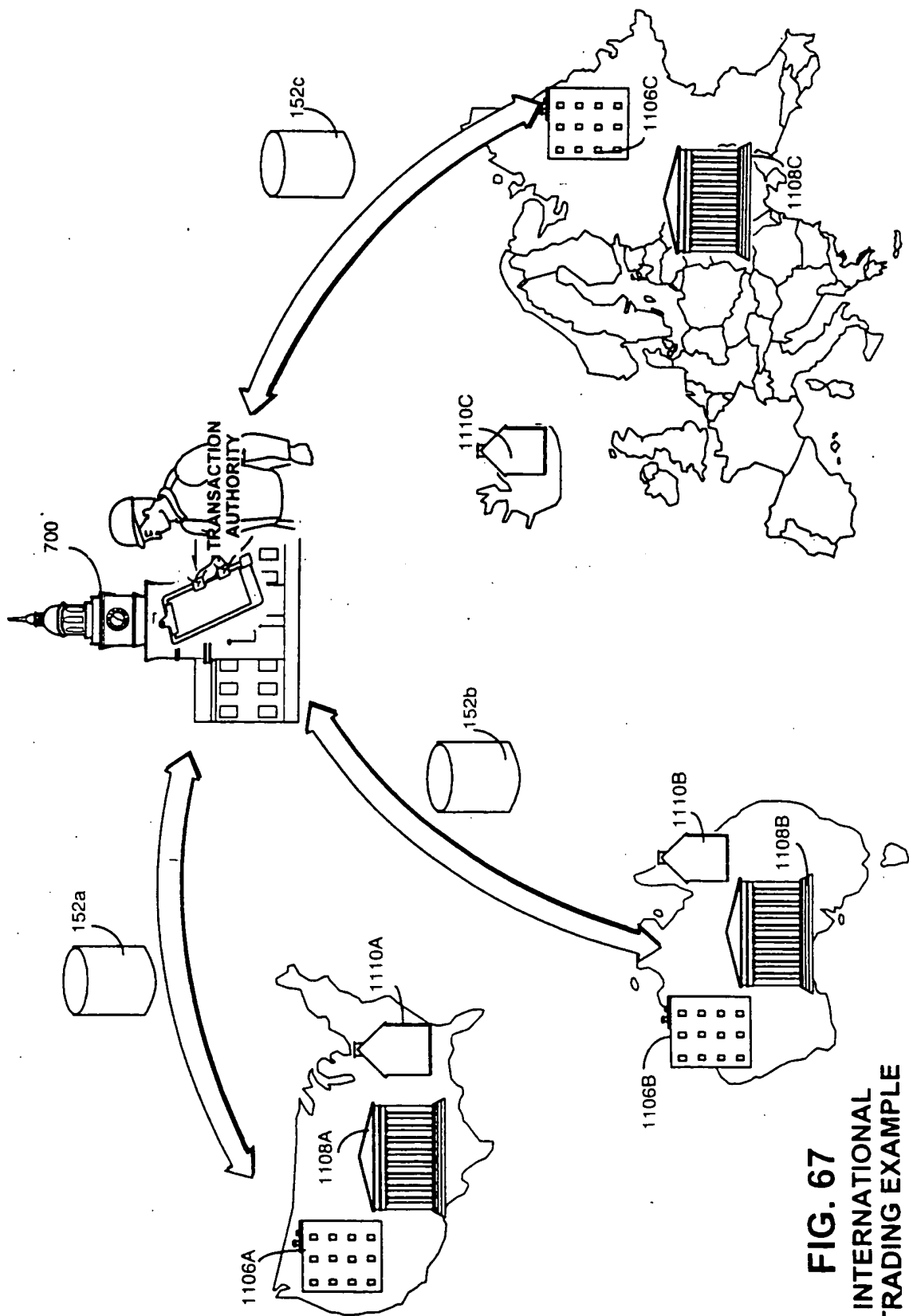


**FIG. 65** Cooperation Among Commerce Utility Systems Internal and External To An Organization

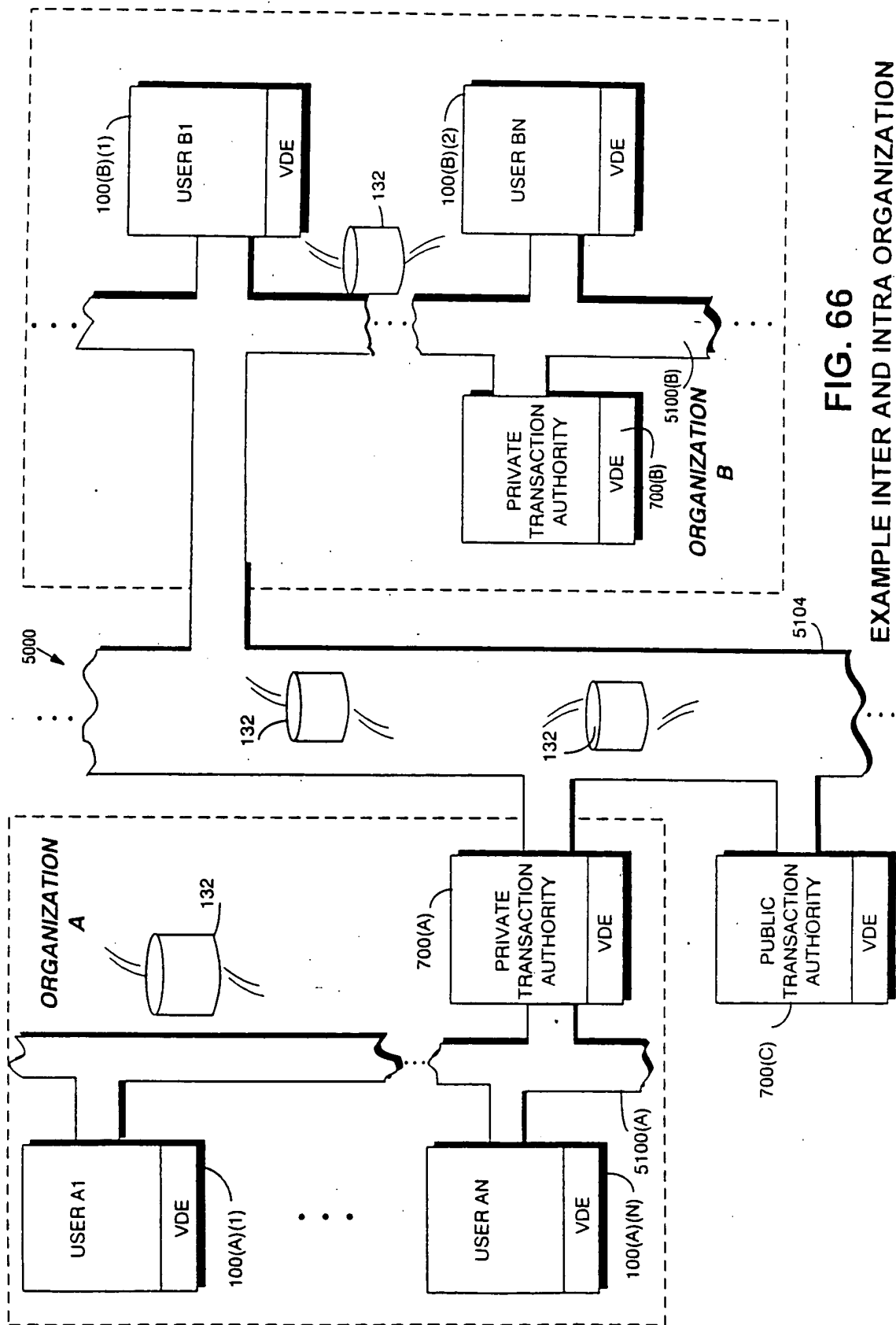


**FIG. 64** Example Value Chain Disaggregation For Purchase of Tangibles





**FIG. 67**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**TRADING EXAMPLE**



**FIG. 66**

**EXAMPLE INTER AND INTRA ORGANIZATION**